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### Harlow's MP calls for a new hospital to be built in town

### PAH has longest waiting times in England

By Piers Meyler

HARLOW MP Robert Halfon has called for the building a new hospital in the town.

Mr Halfon has argued that capital funding needed to avoid the shocking waiting times that Princess Alexandra Hospital has been

blighted by over Christmas. Former health minister Philip Dunne commended Mr Halfon's consistent campaigning to improve the hospital and referred to his previous visits when he was able to see the difficulties the hospital was facing for himself.

However, Mr Dunne lost his job as minister in the Department of Health the day after he told Robert Halfon in the House of Commons on January 8 that the Princess

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Alexandra Hospital Trust, which has put in an application for a significant rebuild, will be considered in the allocation of the next phase of sustainability and transformation plan funding.

Recently published figures have revealed the hospital had the longest A&E waiting times in all of England last month.

Just under a third of people who attended the hospital's A&E department had to wait more than four hours in December before being dealt with.

The experiences of one patient who had to wait 10 hours for an ambulance has been used by Mr Halfon to prove another hospital is needed to avoid the chaotic scenes that have left the hospital languishing at the bottom of the A&E league tables.

A spokeswoman for Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust said the trust's board had been highlighting the need for the existing 1960s building to be replaced for a number of years.

She added: "The Trust Board's priority is to ensure high quality care is provided for our patients, and our staff are committed to this; but they are working in aged infrastructure. We have submitted a strategic outline case for the redevelopment of the hospital that serves the communities of Harlow, West Essex and Hertford shire, and this is being discussed with NHS Improvement, NHS England and the Department of Health & Social Care."



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Will his dreams come true as he makes his way through the Land of the Dead

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30S TO 50S PARTY: CANONS BROOK, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, FROM 8.30PM UNTIL 1AM

The popular monthly disco night is back as hosted by Dance Parties Plus. All parties are held in the main clubhouse which is home to a fully stocked bar and has plenty of room for dancing

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Admission is priced at £8 online or £10 on the door.

To book or for more information call 0800 313 441 or visit www. dance-parties.co.uk

### UNCHTIME TREAT

**LUNCHTIME CONCERT: ST JOHN'S** ARC COMMUNITY ARTS & RECREATION CENTRE, OLD HARLOW, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, FROM 12.45PM Come along for a delicious light lunch

and stunning music from pianist Waka

Hasegawa.

Lunch is priced at £5 and includes artisan bread from Mayfields Bakery and a free glass of wine or hot beverage.

Food is served from 12.45pm ahead of the concert starting at 1.30pm. Donations are welcome at the end. For more information call 01279 442447.



Coco is now showing in cinemas

### POPULAR PANTO

PORINSON CRUSOF AND THE PIRATES: LITTLE HADHAM VILLAGE HALL, STARTS ON FRIDAY, JANUARY

19, AT 7.30PM Get ready to sail the seas in this show presented by the Little Hadham pantomime group.

Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates is directed by Sue Wetherall. Some performances have already sold out, so be sure to get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment. Performances on January 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Adult tickets are priced at £16.50 and £10 for children - plus booking fee. Tickets can be bought by visiting www.ticketsource.co.uk/lhpg or calling the box office on 07764 192133.

### CHARITY CONCERT

PIANO AND GUITAR RECITAL: ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, WINDHILL. BISHOP'S STORTFORD, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, AT 7.30PM

Enjoy live music from former BBC Young Musician winner Lara Melda and quitarist Richard Burrell. It's all for a good cause with proceeds going towards Grove Cottage. Adult tickets are priced at £10 on the

door and are £5 for students.

### **MOCK AND ROLL**

CROCODILE MOCK: THE ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE: THE RHODES ARTS COMPLEX, BISHOP'S STORTFORD, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 8PM

There's still a chance for you to snap up tickets to see an eight-piece band recreate Elton John's best hits. You can expect an energetic evening with plenty of singing and dancing to the likes of Your Song, Rocket Man and of course, Crocodile Rock. Tickets are priced at £18.

To book call the box office on 01279 710200 or visit www. rhodesbishopsstortford.org.uk

WILD BIRD WORKSHOP: PETS AT HOME. ST JAMES CENTRE, HARLOW, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

The popular store will be hosting a series of My Pet Pals Wild Bird workshops that aim to educate the next generation of animal lovers on how to care for our flying friends. Workshops will cover what to feed birds, how they survive in winter months and how human behaviour affects wildlife.

Of course, there will also be plenty of fun and games for the whole family. To book a space on one of the free workshops, visit www.petsathome.com/ workshops

### **GET JAMMING**

FAMILY JAM! PERCUSSION: SAFFRON HALL, SAFFRON WALDEN. SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, AT 11AM AND

A fun and interactive workshop where the whole family can shake, rattle, crash and jangle.

It is led by Colin Currie - the man they call "the world's most daring percussionist".

Tickets are priced at £10 and can be bought by calling the box office on 0845 548 7650 or by visiting www.saffronhall.com

### THAT'S THE SPIRIT

CLAIRVOYANT NIGHT: ROSEY LEA. WICKHAM HALL, BISHOP'S STORTFORD, MONDAY, JANUARY 22, FROM 7PM UNTIL 10PM

Head along to an evening with spiritualist medium Ronnie Buckingham.

Tickets are priced at £30 per person.

### **AIMING HIGH**

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS: HARLOW PLAYHOUSE, MONDAY, JANUARY 22, FROM 5PM UNTIL 7PM

The smash hit Disney musical is coming to town - and you could be in it. There's no need to prepare beforehand. just come with your dancing feet! You will be taught an excerpt of a song, a short dance routine and asked to read a short piece of dialogue.

Children aged eight to 12 years old will audition between 5pm and 6pm, and teenagers and young adults between 13 and 21 years old from 6pm.

Another audition day will also be held at the start of February.

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An artist's impression of Public Health England's new Harlow science hub

### £400 million campus project will offer 'significant opportunities'

By James Gregory

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A SCIENCE hub which was approved by Harlow Council last month is set to create thousands of jobs for the town. Bosses at Public Health England have

Bosses at Public Health England have revealed that work on their £400m science hub, located on Coldharbour Road, will start next month after the health agency agreed contracts with three leading construction firms.

PHE claim that the appointment of the three contractors to carry out the construction of the site will be a huge boost to local employment, particularly with the selection of local firm VolkerFitzPatrick, whose main office is in neighbouring Hoddesdon.

PHE Harlow, as the campus will be known, is expected to employ up to 2,750 people by 2024, with scope for further expansion.

expansion.

The project will see new laboratories and

### Who is working on which lot?

■ Lot 1 – New build of specialist bioscience laboratory building – Kier Group

■ Lot 2 – Refurbishment of main building, including laboratories and offices –

Wates Construction

Lot 3 – Arrivals,
administration and
logistics buildings – Wates
Construction

Lot 4 – Site-wide

■ Lot 4 - Site-wide infrastructure, external

works and energy centre – VolkerFitzpatrick (Royal VolkerWessels)

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office areas built and refurbishment of existing ones, construction of a new arrivals area and logistics centre and development of its site-wide infrastructure

nicluding car parking.

Richard Gleave, PHE deputy chief executive, said: "PHE is delighted to have secured three of the leading construction companies in the UK to deliver what will be a world-leading national and international

"Much of the work to create PHE Harlow is highly specialised so it's especially pleas-

ing to have secured three of the best companies in their fields to deliver that work.

"This is yet another milestone for PHE and we can now look forward to the chosen contractors coming on board and bringing their considerable wealth of experience and skills to our programme.

### Significant

"We are also delighted at the very significant opportunities that the construction of PHE Harlow will offer in the surrounding area." It is expected to be PHE's most important UK hub after it was picked out of a shortlist of ten other potential sites. Facilities from Porton in Wiltshire and Colindale in north London, as well as PHE's central London headquarters, will be relocated to Harlow.

Councillors sitting on the development management committee were unanimous in their decision to approve the plans for the new centre on December 13.

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Speaking after the meeting, Councillor Maggie Hulcoop, vice-chair of Harlow Council, said: "This is major for the town.

"PHE has been so dedicated to help us—

"PHE has been so dedicated to help us the benefits for the young people in terms of apprenticeships and jobs will be great. Everyone is winning and this is not a shortterm commitment but a long-term one. The town is changing from an industrial one to a digital and scientific one— it is reborn." CORONERS

Mr Kelly choked on his Burger King meal

## Pensioner's choking death was 'accidental'

A PENSIONER from Harlow with dementia died after choking on a Burger King meal despite warnings from his carers, an inquest heard. Graham Kelly, 79, choked on

Granam Kelly, 79, choked on food that was too big for him after buying a meal from Burger King.

An inquest into his death was held on Tuesday (January 16).

The pensioner was living in a sheltered accommodation at the time of his death and was supposed to eat only soft foods due to his ailments.

On October 11, 2017, the pensioner went shopping with a carer where he bought a meal from Burger King.

### Pieces

He got home at around 1.30pm and his carer prepared his meal by cutting it into little pieces.

The carer warned him that he should be having soft food only. When the carers returned,

they found him unresponsive.
They attempted to do CPR on him and the paramedics were called but he was pronounced dead at 4.23pm the same day.

A post-mortem was carried out on October 18 at Princes Alexandra Hospital in Harlow where his cause of death was confirmed as choking due to larynx obstruction.

The examination also picked out the pensioner's heart disease as a contributing factor to his

Senior coroner, Caroline Beasley-Murray, recorded that Mr Kelly's was an accident.





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The picture, posted on Facebook, is allegedly of a nurse at Princess Alexandra Hospital allegedly booking a holiday while patients wait

### **A&E** nurse looking at holiday site goes viral

A NURSE was pictured apparently booking a holiday by an angry patient at Princess Alexandra Hospital – who said they were waiting for more than five hours to be seen.

The picture, which was posted

on the Spotted in Harlow Facebook group, was accompanied with an anonymous post attacking the nurse who was working at the A&E department.

The poster wrote: "Been in A&E for five hours... Meanwhile the nurse is booking her holidays

The picture shows the back of a nurse, who is on the phone while looking at what appears to be pictures of a holiday resort.

### Break

Despite the annovance of the patient, many came to the defence of the hospital worker, saying that nurses deserve a

One person said: "With the hours they do, it might be the only chance she gets."

Another said: "They work hard, they deserve a break."

The Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust (PAHT) has been notified

A spokesperson for PAHT said: "The trust was made aware of this issue immediately and can confirm the individual pictured in the photograph is being managed accordingly."

Figures reveal Princess Alexandra had longest A&E wait in England



By Piers Meyler

SHOCKING scenes of patients queuing for hours outside Prin-cess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) A&E department has proved the need for a new hospital, the MP representing the town has told the

Government. However, Philip Dunne lost his job as minister in the department of health the day after he told Robert Halfon in the House of Commons on January 8 that the Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust, which has put in an application for a significant rebuild, will be considered in the alloc-ation of the next phase of sustainability and transformation plan funding.
Mr Halfon has argued that cap-

shocking waiting times that Princess Alexandra Hospital has been blighted by over Christmas.

New figures have revealed the hospital had the longest A&E waiting times in all of England lost month. last month.

Just under a third of people who attended the hospital's A&E department had to wait more than four hours in December before being dealt with.

The experiences of one patient who had to wait 10 hours for an ambulance has been used by Mr Halfon to prove another hospital is needed to avoid the chaotic scenes that have left the hospital languishing at the bottom of the A&E league tables

In response, Mr Dunne com-mended the Harlow MP's consistent campaigning to improve the hospital and referred to his previous visits where he was able to see the difficulties the hospital was facing for himself.

The minister also acknowledged PAH's application for this project and promised it would be considered in the Health Depart ment's next round of hospital funding.

He was removed by Theresa lay the next day in her reshuffle.

Commenting on his campaign, Mr Halfon said: "I'm very pleased that the Government gave Princess Alexandra Hospital an additional £2.7 million from the Winter Funding Boost to help nurses, doctors and staff cope winter pressures Christmas. However, capital funding for a new hospital is vital.
"The doctors, nurses, manage-

ment team and support staff at the

Princess Alexandra Hospital work so hard, every single day, but their working lives are made so much harder by the hospital's deteriorating facilities and infra-

### Healthcare

"I will continue to work hard and campaign on this issue until healthcare services in Harlow are brought into the 21st Century.

Only 67.3 per cent of the patients who attended A&E at PAH in December were admitted, discharged, or transferred within four hours. The trust's target is to see 95 per cent of patients wait less than four hours.

December was the worst month ever for all A&E departments across England, not just in Harlow with 14.9 per cent of patients

hours to be seen.

This is the worst monthly per-formance since records began in August 2010.

The number of people waiting more than four hours topped 300,000 for the first time as well, the equivalent of one in seven people attending A&E. This was an increase of 11.9 per

cent compared to 268,818 in December 2016.

A spokeswoman for Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust said: "The Trust Board at Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust (PAHT) has, for a while, been highlighting the need for a new hospital to replace the 1960s buildings. The Trust Board's priority is to ensure high quality care is provided for our patients, and our staff are committed to this; but they are







# Husband and wife stabbed in attack

### Couple's terrifying ordeal on South African holiday

By **Hannah Kane** 

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A HUSBAND and wife from Harlow have been stabbed in a vicious attack while in South Africa.

Yvonne Cormack, 67, and husband Don, 71, were part of a group of nine walking near Table Mountain in Cape Town when they were attacked by two men.

The men pretended to be part of the group for about 30 minutes before brandishing knives and demanding they hand their belongings over, the Mirror Online reports.

The couple resisted and were then stabbed and had their heads smashed with rocks.

Yvonne was stabbed in the arm and back of her head, while Don suffered nine stab wounds and remains in hospital.

Yvonne bravely attacked one of the robbers with a stick while trying to save her husband.

She said: "We were walking and the guys came running at us with knives

"They first attacked one of the women, who was standing on a rock taking photos.

"Then they told us to throw our phones and bags to the ground.

"Next they started attacking my husband Don, who they stabbed nine times all over his



Yvonne and Don Cormack were robbed while on a walking holiday in South Africa

body

"I took a stick and started hitting at the robber then he started stabbing me too. He stabbed me in my arm and back of my head.

"We are lucky to be alive. I won't forget that knife coming at me and cutting into my skin."

The couple were brutally attacked on Saturday (January 13), as they were hiking in the

Silvermine Nature Reserve.

Another hiker is in a critical condition in hospital after he was struck on the head with a rock when he tried to make a phone call for help.

The robbers fled after taking the bags and phones of their victims.

Don is still recovering from his wounds after being airlifted to

hospital.

The hikers were saved when another group with a doctor among them arrived at the scene by chance.

There have been at least eight muggings or attempted muggings of hikers and cyclists reported so far this year.

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The South African National
Parks (SANParks) authority,

which runs the National Park, has now stepped up patrols.

SANParks spokesperson Merle Collins said: "Given the extent and remoteness of the park, it is a challenge to have a presence everywhere at all times.

"Our team is deeply concerned about any incidents and we request that hikers please save our emergency number."



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### Supermarket is sealed off by police to investigate burglary

Harlow was sealed off after a reported burglary at the premises

Police investigators spent much of Friday (January 12), at the Co-op shop in High Street which was targeted overnight.

### Sign

It is not known if anything was taken at the store, although there does not appear to be any sign of forced entry from the outside

The alarm was heard going off throughout the morning.
It was in November that

another Harlow shopping area

was branded an 'easy target' for thieves after a ram raid burglary

Four men carried out a raid on the Premier store, in The Stow, at about 4am on Monday, November 20.

The assailants, who hid their faces and wore dark clothing, were seen removing the free standing ATM after using a stolen green Land Rover to

smash into the shop's window.
Footage captured by a resident shows the group dragging and shoving the cash machine into the boot of a dark-coloured Ford

Essex Police have been approached for comment



There was a large police presence outside the shop



The cousins were born on the same day in rooms next door to each other in hospital

### Siblings have their babies on same day

### ...and next door to each other in hospital

By Piers Meyler

HOSPITAL staff have been left flabbergasted after two siblings became parents for the first time on exactly the same day – in hospital rooms next door to each

The unlikely turn of events has left parents Mike, Sophie, Lauren and Frank delighted after becoming parents to two baby girls cousins to one another – after the double birth at Harlow's Princess Alexandra hospital on Saturday

(January 13).

It was Frank Jones' wife Lauren's due date when they went into the maternity unit for the birth of their daughter, Reeva. But then, to his shock, he saw

his sister Sophie and her partner Mike Argent who were in the adja cent maternity room where Sophie was recovering from Caesarean section.

The coincidence has stunned staff at the hospital, which has been rated outstanding by the Care Quality Commission and where thousands of babies are

delivered every year. Frank, 32, who lives with wife

Lauren, 27, in Ongar said: "My wife had a baby and my sister had a baby. Basically my sister Sophie was 11 days overdue and our daughter was born on her due

'We arrived at the hospital, we

"It was a bit like something from Father of the Bride'

Frank Jones

were in the labour ward, and I walked out of the door in the ward and they were in the room next to

"It was the maddest thing." "I walked in and saw my moth-

er-in-law and my sister walk in and said 'you have got to be kidding me'.
"It was pretty funny."

"It was a bit like something from Father of the Bride."

The two mothers are now in separate rooms for health and safety reasons.

Frank continued: "They can't be in the same room because they are the same surname. To avoid any mix-ups they have to be in separate rooms.

'Because my wife is on antibiotics they don't want to give it to the wrong baby.

"But everyone was really sur-

Evie was born at 8lbs 8oz while Reeva was born 7lbs 3oz. Mike, 28 who lives with his part-

ner Sophie, 29, in Colchester, said: "It has been unbelievable.

"I think the weirdest bit was when my partner Sophie was in labour and I could hear in the room next to us the birth of her brother's daughter.

"Sophie is doing really well. She had a C-section and she is

doing really well."

He added: "They were due two weeks apart but actually they'll

be sharing a birthday.
"Everyone is shocked. It must be a million to one

"It was a bit mad for my mother in-law who was in the room and she could hear the birth of her other granddaughter next door.

"It was a bit overwhelming for



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Jon Clempner is thanked for his service after announcing decision to step down

### Council leader who oversaw regeneration projects resigns

By James Gregory

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THE leader of Harlow Council who oversaw the approval of a number of regeneration projects for the town, has announced his resignation.

Jon Clempner, who was appointed as leader in June 2014, oversaw the approval of Public Health England's science hub and the redevelopment of Little Walk by the Harvey Centre in Decem-

### Re-elected

He was elected Labour councillor for the Little Parndon and Hare Street ward in May 2012, and was re-elected in May 2016.

Briane Kean, Harlow Council's acting managing director, said: "Councillor Jon Clempner has this morning (Thursday, January 11) informed me that he has resigned as both the Leader of Harlow Council and a councillor with immediate effect.

"I would like to place on record my thanks to Jon for his service to both this council and to Harlow while he has been the leader and a

The councillor is also well



### Fashion chain 'considering closures'

FASHION retailer New Look which has a branch in Broad Walk, Harlow – is reported to be considering the closure of 60 of its UK stores.

The closures would see around a 10 per cent reduction in the number of stores, allowing for significant savings on rent, Mirror Online reports.

It is thought that the final decision will be made in the coming weeks, with a number of options being considered.

There are currently more than ten New Look stores in Essex, including Chelmsford, Billericay Braintree, Brentwood, Basildon

South African-owned New Look is the latest in a number of high profile high street names to

face financial struggles.

Toys R Us was saved from collapse before Christmas thanks to a last-ditch deal however, it plans to axe 26 of its 105 stores in the early part of this year, with up to 800 job

Mothercare has also revealed it stands to make an annual profit of between just £1 million and £5 million.

New Look is one of a number of retailers facing financial



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### 'I had an infection but doctors put me in a mental health unit'

|Woman says six-week stay was 'awful and dreadful'

### By Lottie O'Neill

A WOMAN claims she missed spending Christmas and New Year at home during a six-week stay in a mental health unit because doctors didn't realise she had a urinary tract infection (UTI).
She says her infection was so severe

that doctors didn't know what was wrong with her, and believed she had mental health difficulties which she needed support for. Julie Sparrow, from Harlow, claims she spent the next month and a half at the Linden Centre in Chelmsford, until a blood test confirmed that she had a UTI.

Julie, 51, who is registered disabled, aid: "It has been awful, absolutely dreadful in there.
"They were shocked and so was I. I

had no symptoms, I have never had a urine infection."

She began to feel unwell at the end of Solve began to reer timeerial the ent of November, and so, visited Princess Alexandra Hospital's Accident and Emergency (A&E) department. However, she says doctors could not find the same and the same and the same are said to the said to find any physical problems they needed to address and sent her home.

Her GP then conducted a home visit after learning that she had gone to the hospital and found her collapsed on the ground.

Julie, who is a wheelchair user and has carers support her at home, said: "He found me collapsed on the floor at

After returning to Princess Alex-andra Hospital, Julie was eventually transferred to the Linden Centre in Broomfield on November 30, where she remained until Monday (January 8) after spending Christmas and New Year at the unit.

During her stay, another blood test was conducted and found that she had been suffering with a severe UTI, and



### MEDICAL FACTS

### ■ What is a urinary tract infection?

A urinary tract infection (UTI) is a common infection that can affect the bladder, kidneys and the tubes connected to them. Anyone can get them, but they're mostly common in women. They can be uncomfortable and painful but are usually easily treated with antibiotics.

once antibiotics were administered and she recovered, she was sent home. She said: "I haven't got any mental health problems."

### Confusion

Infections of the kidneys, or the tubes connecting the kidneys to the bladder, are also known as upper UTIs. Symptoms related to upper UTIs include confusion, agitation and restlessness, according to the NHS web-

### What is honeymoon cystitis?

Honeymoon cystitis (or "honeymoon disease") is cystitis caused by sexual activity. The symptoms are the same as cystitis, triggered by something other than sex, for example: burning sensation when passing water, as well as a frequent urge to go to the

She is also now worried that if she were to call the emergency services that her medical record will state that she has mental health problems, which she is adamant she does not have, and that the ambulance won't

A spokesperson for Essex Partner-ship University NHS Foundation Trust said: "In respect of our patients' confidentiality we are unable to comment on individual cases. However, we would encourage anyone who is not

happy with any of our services to come and speak to us directly." Angela Kill-martin, who is an expert on cystitis and wrote the first book about the condition in 1971, said: "Absolutely, any bodily infection that is not treated will go into the blood brain barrier and cause confusion, then it gets into the blood stream whatever the infec-tion is. Patients become exceedingly confused '

### Suffering

Angela, 76, from Brentwood, suffered with 'honeymoon cystitis'

when she was aged 24.

After suffering with cystitis for seven years and having to have antibiotics every two weeks, Killmartin then went on to write several books on

the subject.
She also said that patients need to assess the causes of the UTI to understand how to prevent further risk.

The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust has been approached for

### Business owner fined after protected tree is pruned

A ROYDON business owner has been fined £1,000 after branches were cut from a tree in the middle of a conservation area

Helen Kelly-Howe, of Chingford, pleaded guilty to instructing works on a tree without proper consent.

In June, Epping Forest District

Council officers were told branches from a sycamore tree had been cut back at 10 High Street, where they overhung onto the neighbouring property.
Six weeks' notice should have

been provided, although the council has said it would have

refused the application.
Further investigation revealed
Kelly-Howe, a director of the company owning 10 High Street, told tree surgeon John

McAllister to cut the branches back to the boundary.

No checks had been made to find out if the tree was protected and neither sought consent to carry out the works undertaken.

McAllister was fined £300 and ordered to pay a contribution of £250 towards the council's prosecution costs plus a victim surcharge of £30.

The magistrates said Kelly-Howe had a greater role in the matter and was fined £1,000, ordered to pay a contribution of £750 towards the council's prosecution costs plus a victim surcharge of £100.

The protected tree was cut back illegally



## Driver banned for reversing into an unmarked police car Court told man 'panicked' when he saw plain clothes officers approach vehicle

By Sophie Finnegan

A MAN who reversed into an unmarked police car and jumped off a balcony to evade police has

on a batcomy to evate poince has been disqualified from driving. Abdoulage Haidara, 20, of Windmill Fields, was cleared of the original charge of dangerous driving but was convicted by jury of the lesser charge of driving without due care and attention on Friday (January 12). He previously pleaded guilty to

driving without a license and driving without insurance.

At Chelmsford Crown Court, prosecuting lawyer Lee Sergeant outlined the case to the court.

On March 1 Haidara was in a VW Golf parked up in a car park to the rear of Harlow College, facing towards some shrubbery which prevented him from driving for-

Prior to the incident, the Golf was a vehicle of interest to the

Police constable Tom Bennett and his colleague PC Spinks were conducting general patrols when they spotted the Golf in the car park which lies adjacent to the

They pulled up around two or



three feet behind him in an unmarked white Ford Focus.
As Pc Bennett, who was wear-

ing plain clothes, approached the car, Haidara reversed backwards hitting the unmarked police vehicle in an attempt to get away from them, causing £1,200 of dam-

The police officer then smashed the window to stop the man from driving away which resulted in the defendant getting out of the

In a statement provided by Pc Bennett, the court heard "I made my way to the passenger's side of the Golf. My intentions were to make the vehicle safe by removing the key to detain the man and conduct further enquiries.

### Hammer

"I had a glass hammer in my hand used to smash glass should the doors be locked.

"The Golf reversed backwards speed and crashed into the

police vehicle parked two to three feet behind."
PC Bennett then smashed the

window and the defendant ran off into the shrubbery causing a foot

chase to ensue on Maddox Road.

The officer shouted: "Stop
police" at Haidara before following him into a building of flats.

He went on: "I saw him crawl-

ing on all fours upstairs to the first floor and I ran upstairs just after to see him on the balcony.

"I shouted: 'Stop running, stand

still.'

He was desperate to escape the police. I saw him climbing over the leave and drop down eight to ten feet below. He landed on both feet falling forwards."

The officer continued to chase him before spraying him in the face and arresting him on sus-

picion of dangerous driving.
In his police interviews,
Haidara said: "I was in my car
listening to the radio when all of a sudden you pulled up behind me. I started panicking and I reversed.

"The reason why I reversed into the police car was because it was an unmarked car, I didn't know who was in there. It was not my intention to reverse into the car, if it was a marked police car I would have not have reversed into it." Mitigating lawyer, Barry Gil-

bert, urged the jury not to look at Haidara as a "master criminal" and highlighted the fact that he had no previous convictions. He said: "Put yourself in the car,

pretend that this has got nothing

to do with this case.
"You are parked in a parking space and a car with two young plain clothed men comes in right behind you.

"It's not a normal place to park and the next thing you see is the thing which we now know is a glass hammer.
"Whether you are male, female,

old or young you might think at that time 'I am being attacked.'

"It is very easy now we know but did he at the time because that is what counts?

"Had it been a marked police car he would have not have reversed but he didn't know that when he reversed.

"He might be guilty of panick-ing but panicking is not a criminal offence.

Judge David Turner described how the "extremely murky" cir-cumstances surrounding the case did not give him a clear explanation as to what he was doing on

that day.

He told the defendant: "I will not deny, having looking at all the evidence, that you were probably in some sort of panic trying to escape. You were in an unre-gistered vehicle, you held a pro-visional license and you had no insurance at all. I'm not sure if you got in with the wrong crowd, but you have a future and it would

be a shame if you threw it away."
The judge disqualified him from driving for eight months and imposed a £250 fine.



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Deputy Chief Constable of Essex is accused of swearing and acting aggressively

### Senior police officer's alleged tirade just ten days into his job

By Sophie Finnegan

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ESSEX Police's Deputy Chief Constable called a junior colleague a "p\*\*\*\*\* c\*\*\*" ten days into his new job in a state of "anger", a hearing has been told.

Matthew Horne, who has been on secondment with the National Crime Agency, attended a misconduct hearing to deny the three allegations against him.

At Chelmsford Civic centre on

At Chelmsford Civic centre on Monday, prosecutor, John Beggs QC, outlined the allegations to the panel.

The first allegation refers to an incident in June 2015 when Superintendent Glenn Maleary became involved in a conversation with Mr Horne outside the Force Control Room in Chelmsford near the Orchard car park.

Mr Maleary was appointed to tackle some of the issues within the control room after he was transferred from Stansted Airport in June 2015.

There were issues with lack of staff and with response timings, especially in relation to domestic abuse situations.

The misconduct panel heard how he had approached Mr Horne

and asked: "Hi Sir, how are you?" to which Horne replied: "Not very well Glenn."

Maleary said: "Sorry to hear that anything I can do?"

This when the chief superintendent says Horne became aggressive as he told him: "Anything you can 00? Anything you can p\*\*\*\*\*\* do? What sort of p\*\*\*\*\*\* do? what sort of p\*\*\*\*\*\* are you to let this get into such a f\*\*\*\*\*\* mess?"

The constable claims he "stood over him with narrow eyes and clenched fists" to intimidate him and accused him of being negligent.

### History

Mr Horne went on: "You have got 24 f\*\*\*\*\* hours, make every one count otherwise you are history"

He then allegedly said he had to leave before he hit anything, which Mr Maleary replied with: "Or someone."

The second and third allegations are said to have occurred sometime between October 16, 2015 and May 9, 2016.

Chief Superintendent Carl O'Malley was engaged in a conversation about work with Mr Horne and retired Assistant Chief

Constable Maurice Mason when a disagreement arose.

They were all standing at this

They were all standing at this time when Mr Horne is said to have pushed Mr O'Malley, which caused him to fall onto a desk.

caused him to fall onto a desk. Although it did not hurt him, O'Malley described how it seemed like he used considerable force and he lost his balance.

Mr Beggs QC said: "At the time, O'Malley was trying for a promotion and wanted to be chief assistant constable and was well aware the panel included Mr Horne. It is not terribly surprising Mr O'Malley did nothing about the incident."

The third incident is alleged to have happened a week or two after and again occurred following a professional disagreement.

Mr Horne is again alleged to have used force on Mr O'Malley for "no apparent reason". He allegedly picked up a stress

He allegedly picked up a stress ball that was on the desk and threw it at Mr O'Malley hitting him in the throat and leaving a red mark.

Mr O'Malley described how the incident hurt and became angry at the treatment he endured by his superior officer.

He again chose not to take it any

further, but spoke to another chief superintendent about the incident.

Mr Horne denies all three allegations against him, stating that he couldn't recall ever pushing or throwing a stress ball at a colleague. He did recall having a conversation with Mr Maleary, where he expressed significant disappointment but did not recall acting in an aggressive or threatening manner.

### Denied

The senior officer also denied swearing at Maleary, saying he does not use the 'c' word. Mr Maleary has been in the

Mr Maleary has been in the police force since March 20, 1990, and left Essex Police in October 2016 to move to London.

He told the court: "I was taken aback by the manner, the language and the abuse that came out."

He described how Mr Horne made reference to a domestic abuse case in the area on Tendring that had not been responded to in six weeks.

"He continued to litter the conversation with the 'f' word and the 'c' word. He stood above me on a slope leaning towards me.

Mr Maleary began to explain the work he is doing to improve the control room and explained how they were seeing results

how they were seeing results. He explained how the control room was in a "dire state" with overtime costing £750,000, 2,400 incidents with 384 domestic cases left waiting to be followed up on some of which were weeks old.

Mr Maleary continued: "Mr Horne was most adamant that I had 24 hours to make the changes needed to get this under control.

"Then he said he had to go before he punched something, he said it through tight lips and narrowed eyes. "Never have I been spoken to

"Never have I been spoken to like that in any circumstances let alone in a public place.

"I rather cockily said: 'Or someone' expecting there was to be some sort of physical assault and I was prepared and honestly thought that that was what was going to happen.

"Coombes' arrival was prob-

"Coombes' arrival was probably the point at which it drew

Matthew Horne is accused of throwing a stress ball at a junior colleague

the incident to a close and nothing more was said."

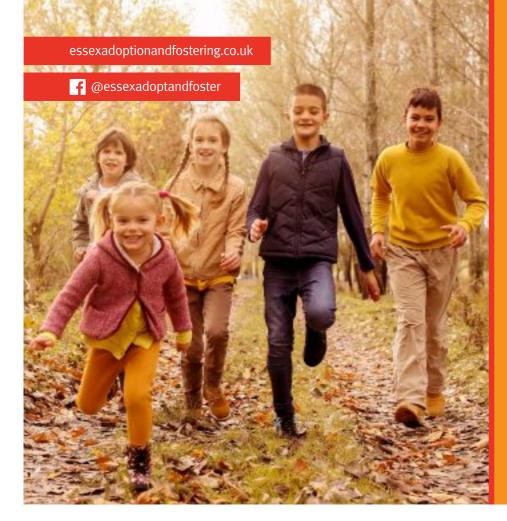
"He had no idea what I gave up

"He had no idea what I gave up in order to be there to better protect the public, absolutely no idea

"I felt like I was just being used as something to blame someone to

"Thad no career left in Essex it appears to me that there was an agenda and I can't understand what or why or how it came





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### **Avril Margaret ANDREWS Nee Trigg**

Passed away on the 25th December 2017 aged 73

years.

A very special Mum, Sister, Auntie & Nan to Daniel, Ella, Lily-Mae, Evie-Louise, Lewis &

Macy. Sadly missed but always in our hearts Funeral service to take place at Cam Valley Crematorium, Great Chesterford on Friday 26th January 2018, at 3:00pm. Cheerful colours preferred. Family flowers only please but donations for Macmillan Cancer Support may be sent C/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM23 3AL or via the In Memory page www.drobinson.co.uk



Affectionately known as "Ginger"

It is with great sadness that the family announce the passing of Iris Lilian Child

aged 85 years, on 29th December 2017. She will be sadly missed by Colin & Chris, Tony & Helen,

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**CLARK** Audrey passed away peacefully at home on 1st January 2018. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

**Audrey Violet** 

Audrey's funeral service will be held at Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth, on Wednesday

24th January 2018 at 10.45am. Her family would like to invite all those who knew her to join them for the service and for refreshments afterwards.

Flowers or donations to the RNIB may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Sawbridgeworth, Tel: 01279 722476

### Bereavements

### **Barry Michael COOPER**

Passed away peacefully at St. Clare Hospice on 10th January 2018 aged 72 years, following a long illness courageously fought. Beloved husband to Tina, devoted dad to Sharon father-inlaw to Andy and a wonderful grandad to Jack and Olivia. Funeral service to be held at Rickling Parish Church on Thursday 25th January at 2.30pm. Family lowers only please, but donations, if desired, made payable to St. Clare Hospice may be sent c/o Peasgood & Skeates, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden, CB11 3AQ or via Barry's In

Memory page at www peasgoodandskeates.

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Bereavements

### **Catherine EDWARDS** Kitty

Passed away on 15th January 2018 aged 97 years. Sadly missed by her family, seven Grandchildren

and three Great Grandchildren. Funeral service to take place at Cam Valley Crematorium, Great Chesterford on Friday 26th

January 2018 at 10.00am
All enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Bishops Stortford, 01279 655477

### Pamela Ann **FOGARTY**

Latterly of Thorley Park and formerly of Clayhall, Essex passed away peacefully on Friday 5th January 2018.

Her funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow, Essex on Monday 22nd January 2018 at 2.30pm. Funeral directors Daniel Robinson & Sons,

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### ARTHUR EDWARD GREEN

Passed away peacefully on the 22nd December 2017. Aged 84 years.

He will be sadly missed by all his family.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday 26th January 2018 at 11.am at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Church End, Great Dunmow.

Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Dementia UK c/o Dunmow Co-op Funeral Directors 10 Jutland House, White Hart Way, Great Dunmow, CM6 1WX.



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### Ruby Irene GREEN

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Sadly passed away on Monday 1st January 2018 aged 91 years. Dearly loved Mum to Susan, Paula, Darren and their partners, Wonderful Nan, Great-nan and Auntie. Sadly missed by all who knew her. Her funeral service will be held on Monday 29th January at St Mary at Latton Church at 12.45pm followed by a cremation service at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 1.45pm All welcome

Flowers or donations, made payable to 'NSPCC' may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP Tel: 01279 426990

### **Theresa** HUDSON Terry

Sadly passed away on Saturday 30th December 2017 aged 90 Years. Reunited with her loving Husband Ernest Hudson and her beloved Son Tom Sawyer.

She was the Daughter of the late Ann Anderson, Devoted Mum to Tessa & Tom, Grandmother of Tanja, Great Grandmother to Tristan, and Sister to Audrey & Elizabeth (Canada).

Theresa worked at STC as an Engineer Support. She was a worldwide traveller and an avid cook and gardener

Theresa will be greatly missed by all her Family & Friends in the UK, USA and Canada.

A private service has already taken place.

A private service has already taken place.
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### Bereavements

### Pat MARTIN **Formerly Adams**

Passed away suddenly in hospital on 23rd December 2017 aged 85 years. A much loved Wife, Mum, Nanny & Great Nanny who will be sadly missed.

Funeral Service to take place on Friday 26th January 2018 at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 3.15pm.

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### Marg MANN



Passed away peacefully on 10th January 2018 aged 86 years. Our dear old Mum and Nan. Julie, Gary, Gary, Kate, Charlie and Jack will welcome everyone at the funeral service which will be held at

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Funeral Service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 19th January 2018 at 10.00am.

Family flowers only please. If desired, donations may be made payable to 'British Heart Foundation' and sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons. Wych Elm,

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### Terence NUNAS

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### **Geoffrey George** SNOW

Formerly of The Thatch, Burton End, Stansted. Peacefully on 7th January 2018 at Hargrave House, Stansted aged 93 years. Funeral service to take place at Cam Valley Crematorium, Great Chesterford on Friday 9th February 2018 at 2.00pm.

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Harlow's Streets2Homes, would be gratefully received on the day OR flowers can be sent via Coop Funeral Services. His wake will be held at The Shark, Hobtoe Rd thereafter

Keith, Chris, Debra and Dean & 11 grandchildren



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### CYRIL RAYMOND **TAYLOR**

Passed away peacefully on Monday 1st January 2018. Husband to the late Doris (Dolly).

Devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be forever in our hearts.

Funeral service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 26th January 2018 at 1.45pm.

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### Alan Raymond TAYLOR

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Thank you to everyone for the lovely cards, expressions of sympathy and kind donations to the British Heart Foundation.

A very special thank you to Jerome, Elizabeth, Pat and dedicated staff of Masterson Funeral

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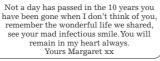
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### Tony **ASHWORTH**





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are not just for Christmas.
What can we do which will permanently help the poor? I would suggest we become more honest, empathetic and compassionate for those less fortunate than ourselves.

The poor in our society begin to lose the basic benefits to which they are legally entitled (Council Tax and Rent Rebate) when their income and savings reach the "applicable amount", which is the weekly amount the Government regards is sufficient to meet the basic living needs of the applicant and family.

At present these are totally unrealistic and unjust and the vast majority of your readers would find it impossible to live on them.

Nor is it just the very poorest who are unfairly treated. For those on benefit What can we do which will permanently help the poor?

The Rev Dennis Nadin

who have manage by sacrifice and economy to save for a rainy day or future care and death expenses, any savings over £8,000 or £10,000 for pensioners are regarded as receiving £1 a week for every £500 savings and this is taken from their benefit.

That would require an interest rate of more than ten per cent.

If anyone has found such a

bargain could he please

advise me of the details. Compare this to the richer who are excused any inheritance tax on inheriting £325.000.

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### Let customers use empty boxes

AM I being unduly cynical at the support from retailers for compulsory plastic bag charging? Apart from the few companies who claim to donate this income to charity, the rest will be laughing their way to the bank!

More to the point would be to allow customers to use the empty cardboard boxes in which products have been delivered to the shop. My local supermarket used to have piles of these freely available at the checkout and plastic bag use was minimal as a result. Nowadays, these have to be disposed of by retailers at vast cost – surely far better for them to be taken home and disposed of by customers as domestic waste at no cost to traders? John Hein
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### TALKING POINT

# Renters and owners will need to get the best deal

### THE BIG QUESTION:

House prices in London and the South East are set to fall in 2018, how will this affect our local area?



### **GREEN PARTY**



Hannah Clare

AT first glance, a fall in house prices seems a relief that will be a benefit to many. But I question in real terms what the effect of this will be.

An Essex Insight report in 2016 showed that just 57 per cent of people in Harlow own their home, which is lower than the national average of around 65 per cent. Below average home ownership means that the remainder of people in the town are renters and there is nothing to guarantee this fall in house prices will translate to a fall in rent. The same report also claims a 13.5 per cent increase in housing prices in the five years between 2011 and 2016.

For young people like myself, owning a home seems an unattainable goal. At 24, I am still burdened with student debt and living with one of my parents. I have no savings and do not recognise any prospect upcoming that may mean I can own. This is a familiar

picture to young people, often named Generation Rent, with the idea of owning a home becoming less of an expectation and more an aspiration.

That's why the Young Greens manifesto calls for an introduction of a Living Rent, including secure tenancies for renters and rent controls

But on top of this, it also calls for widening the ability of council's to build more social housing, which they often struggle to raise the capital for. Harlow Council has had some success in the past few years with building social housing, but we need much more.

Ultimately, we need the best deal for all people, whether they are renters or homeowners. I'd welcome any move towards this.

### WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU WANT ANSWERED?

Every week, we'll be putting your questions to representatives of each of your main local parties. So get involved! Email your questions to get the issues that matter to you on the agenda.

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### **CONSERVATIVE**



Joel Charles

ONE of my local priorities is to support efforts to restore the dream of home ownership. Ensuring future generations can climb the housing ladder and avoid being priced out of the housing market is important. The Help to Buy scheme has been successful, but more needs to be done to help

first-time buyers.

A fall in prices is positive news for first-time buyers in Harlow, but there always needs to be a balanced approach to ensure current homeowners are protected against market volatility. The

Government and banking regulators have worked to toughen lending so that overstretch and financial shocks are more protected against.

Affordability is a key concern for first-time buyers in Harlow. I share this concern as I am looking to buy a home for the first time this year. The Government has taken recent steps to tackle housing affordability. It was right that the Chancellor scrapped stamp duty for most first-time buyers in the Budget. The £44 billion Government

package to support the housing market over the next five years will help deliver much need momentum in the sector too. It is time for house builders to deliver better and more affordable housing that is in keeping with the local area through the help available to stimulate construction.

I believe in the stability delivered by our home owning democracy, helping more residents to buy a home will allow local families and individuals to build greater financial security in the long-term.



### YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

### Diahanne earns national accolade for leading war on domestic abuse

ONE of Britain's leading domestic abuse campaigners has been recognised with a national honour.

Dr Diahanne Rhiney, from Essex, has been given a British Citizen Award for her services to education and the community.

The British Citizen Awards (BCAs) were launched in January 2015 to recognise exceptional individuals who work tirelessly and selflessly to make a positive impact on society. BCAs are awarded twice annually, and recognise "everyday" people whose achievements may otherwise be overlooked.

Dr Rhiney turned her focus to the area of domestic abuse after surviving a murder attempt by her former partner.

She has dedicated hundreds of hours a year to mentoring young single mothers, fostering children from abusive backgrounds and establishing her domestic abuse charity SWIM – Strength With In Me. Her work provides ways to ensure young people are as confident, balanced, heard and equipped as possible.

Frequently speaking at

groups and organisations, she uses her multiple platforms and enterprises to raise awareness on the social, psychological and political issues that most effect women and girls. Last year, Dr Diahanne

Last year, Dr Diahanne Rhiney was busy forming an All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) to have healthy relationships taught in all UK schools as compulsory. The Government will finally implement this amendment to the Children and Social Work Bill. Diahanne is one of 35

medallists who will be honoured at a prestigious ceremony next Thursday at the Palace of Westminster. All BCA recipients have selflessly undertaken various activities in support of a number of worthy causes. Each will receive a Medal of Honour, inscribed with the words "For the Good of the Country". Medallists are also invited to use the initials BCA after their name.

Speaking about her nomination, Diahanne said: "At first I thought 'is it the wrong email?'. Even though I am humbled beyond words, I just do what I do because that's who I am but this isn't about me, it's about raising awareness of the issues that affect today's young people. "My mum died suddenly

"My mum died suddenly eight years ago in January but she provided the foundation of how I think about life. She was truly my best friend and an amazing woman but incredibly quiet and humble. We were amazed when more than 2,000 people attended her funeral but that just goes to show that you can have a huge impact on your community by simply going about your business and making a difference.

"My proudest achievements are setting up the Rhiney Awards, which supports under-privileged people through university, and SWIM. More than 750,000 young people live with domestic abuse and it has to ston

has to stop.
"I think you have to give people a sense of hope but as a nation we've become too selfish. We should remember that no act of kindness is too small."

The awards are sponsored by the world's largest optical retailer, Specsavers; one of the largest property and



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leisure management, development and regeneration companies in the UK, Places for People; leading ethical law firm Irwin Mitchell; specialist PR, branding and communications agency, Nathan Rous PR; and worldwide leader in IT and networking, Cisco. Each will be presenting the awards in January, alongside TV star host Bradley Walsh.

Nathan Rous, from Nathan Rous PR, said: "It's an absolute pleasure to be involved with the British Citizen awards and to hear inspirational stories such as Diahanne's. There's so many good people doing great things across the country and they deserve to be recognised in this way."

Diahanne was nominated for a BCA at the request of the women and young people she supports. They said: "When Diahanne was nominated out of 20,000 people for a National Diversity Positive Role Model Award, she was incredibly touched by the vast many nominations she received from women of all ages who wrote in to express just how much their lives have been positively impacted, and often dramatically changed, by Diahanne."

If you hate Valentine's Day you will love pop-up adventure...



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# Creating a healthier county in just 21 days

A COUNTYWIDE project to get Essex healthy has been launched, in a move which sees all local councils including Harlow Council and health organisations working together for the first time to promote public health advice.

The website www.livewellcampaign.co.uk officially launched on Monday, January 8, and acts as the countywide one-stop-shop for everything residents need to know about local health initiatives and activities in Essex.

One of the website's aims is to encourage Essex residents to be more active and to make healthier lifestyle choices for themselves and their families. The website will focus on the issues that are common in the county so that issues affecting the 12 local council areas can be targeted more effectively.

To celebrate the launch of the website, residents are being encouraged to take part in a number of #21 challenges – a nod to the idea that it takes 21 days to break or create a new habit.

The first part of the campaign is #21situps21days and it will run on social

media for three weeks. Those who take part will be in with the chance to win prizes such as Fusion Gym memberships, the new Jamie Oliver cookbook and healthy food products. Residents can find out more information on @livewelllocal on Twitter or @livewellcampaign on Facebook.

Councillor Emma Toal, Harlow Council's portfolio holder for youth & community, said: "We want to support residents so they have good health and wellbeing. The Livewell campaign is all part of this and is about providing information and advice on what people can do and what is available to help people lead a happy and healthy lifestyle. In Harlow there is lots to see and do and we want more residents to be aware of all the opportunities and support that is available to them. This is not something the council can do on its own; by working with other organisations we can all do more to help residents live long and healthy lives. There's no better time than the start of the new year to launch this campaign."

Cllr John Spence, Essex



Representatives from Livewell councils and partners

County Council's cabinet member for health and adult social care, said: "We hear so much about over-eating and obesity across all ages and I can't be the only Essex resident who knows they've overdone it during Christmas! But this is not just a passing fad; the scale of the issue is demonstrated by the scale of collaboration between councils and partners across the county; let's learn to live healthier, happier and longer."

Mike Gogarty, public health director at Essex County Council, said: "The start of the year is a good time to think about our lifestyle choices. We can all benefit from making changes and 21 days is an achievable goal that may lead to longerterm health improvements. Why not chose an easy goal to start with? It doesn't matter if we have an off day, don't stop, just let that go and do as best we can towards the 21 days!"

### **YOUR NEWS**

We compile our Community News pages two weeks in advance of publication.

If you'd like to include a future event please make sure you tell us in plenty of time so our readers can come along.

IN September 2017, Harlow Playhouse unveiled a brandnew bar, transforming the upstairs café into a space where guests can be welcomed day and night.

By day, this café space serves delicious cakes and pastries away from the hustle and bustle of town. You can enjoy a bite to eat and a coffee, catch up on emails, meet friends or take advantage of the dedicated children's area.

The café caters to families and is breastfeeding-friendly. By night, it offers a relaxed place to meet friends for a drink and wind-down.

In October 2017, it launched the now infamous

UKG Chronicle Nights, allowing audiences to relive the UK garage music scene live at Harlow Playhouse. The night was a resounding success, with stellar sets from DJ Luck and MC Neat and Sweet Female Attitude. This season, they have dates in April and October. April's date sold out in just three days, off the back of a successful launch. The next two events will see Lisa Maffia & Romeo, from So Solid Crew & The Artful Dodger, in April and October respectively.

Harlow Playhouse's next off-site pop-up adventure will be an Anti-Valentine's-Day-inspired takeover, this February. In collaboration with Pecho Mama, they are taking over a disused shop unit in the Harvey Centre, transforming it into a gigtheatre venue.

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Along with DJ sets and cheap drinks, the headline act will be award-winning gig theatre piece Medea Electronica, an intense drama played out amidst the brilliant chaos of a live-synth gig. Expect DJ sets, Greek tragedy, cheap drinks and electronic music.

BBC Music Introducing in Essex has now moved to Friday nights – the best in up-and-coming Essex band, perform live every month, starting in February. BBC Music Introducing showcases the best unsigned artists around and has launched the careers of Florence And The Machine, George Erza and Rizzle Kicks, among many others! And all the fun doesn't

And all the fun doesn't necessarily all happen at night!

They have also successfully launched Afternoon Glee, a monthly event, which includes an afternoon of tea, cake and pastries with soundtrack you will not forget!

Harlow's very own drag queen Fanny will be your host! Why not book a table and treat yourself and a friend to afternoon tea? You'll get tea for two, a selection of sandwiches, cakes and pastries to share and a glass of something fizzy. Taking place every month, until October 2018.

Rory Davies, Harlow Playhouse manager, said: "As the centre of cultural excellence in Harlow, we feel developing the night economy in the town as the next exciting step forward.

"A thriving town centre benefits all of the local community residents and businesses alike.

"We know these events and the many others we have planned will take the town's night-time economy from strength to strength. These nights are designed to be accessible for the whole community and we encourage as many people as possible to give them a try.

"We strive to create a both safe and enjoyable atmosphere. We look forward to working and building on current relationships, with the excellent businesses and the caring residents of Harlow."

For more information, visit its website www.harlowplayhouse.co.uk, Facebook www.facebook.com/ HarlowPlayhouse or Twitter www.twitter.com/ harlowplayhouse

### OUR EDUCATION NEWS

### 'Children cannot believe what life was like at their school back then'



### Scare tactics pay off for academy's fearless debaters

UNUSUAL techniques are paying off for school debate society students.

Members of the debate society of Burnt Mill Academy, in Harlow, have been practising their speeches – by talking across the street to lampposts.

The technique, to teach students how to project their voices, has resulted in success at the Youth Speaks public speaking competition, held at Bishop's Stortford College.

Students spoke passionately about LGBTQ+ rights, suffragettes and our

obligation to vote, with Year 8 pupils Lauren Burgess, Isobel Baker and Josephine Edwards overcoming stiff competition to become runners-up.

Maths teacher Angus Hally, who runs the after-school club, said: "Like all great success, this has come from pure hard work.

The successful students have trained twice to three times each week to perfect their speeches.

"They have to think about their voice, gesticulation, movement, humour, passion and tone to make sure their

speeches are incredibly polished. To prepare, I put students in front of parents, teachers and, most intimidatingly, Year 10 students, so that on the night nothing could scare them.

"On the night itself, I took them out into the cold and made them project their voices as if they were talking to the lamppost across the street – an exercise the judges said paid off!"

The school relaunched its debate society recently where students in Year 7 to 11 come together to express



Kieron Barwick with the Rotary Club president, Lauren Burgess and Lauren Martin

The club is also promoted as a way of keeping up to date with current events, to build confidence, to become part of a team and to take

part in competitions.

Each week, students practise their debating as well as train to improve their skills.

The club members will

take part in the Oxford Schools Debate Competition in January and February, competing with other students from around the country.

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77 year old former Roydon Primary School student Rob Harknett sharing memories from his time at

A 77-year-old former pupil at Roydon Primary School is helping to bring history to

life for today's children. Rob Harknett was a pupil at the school, then named Roydon County Primary School, between 1945 and 1953. His father Arthur attended in 1907 and his three siblings, seven cousins and two sons followed.

The family moved into a newly built house in Hansells Mead in 1939, with Mr Harknett's mother living there until she died in 2012 at the age of 96.

Mr Harknett, who still lives in the village, is sharing his memories and photos with the school as they piece

together its 140-year history. Head of school Michael

Clark is keen to develop a timeline through the corridors to show children the history of their community since the school was built in 1877.

The collection already includes a punishment book from 1954, photos of the school's football teams throughout the generations and original logbooks.

Mr Harknett has supplied images from his life in Roydon and at the school where his overriding memory of attending Roydon was the harsh

conditions.

He said: "It was always cold. I can remember walking to school in really bad weather wearing shorts and shoes that leaked. When it snowed, our boots would fill up and we would get chilblains. We would spend all day at school cold. The only heater was in the corner where the teacher sat.

"It was pretty strict. To get your attention, the teacher would just clump you around the ear, as they would if you misbehaved. I never really got into trouble, though, I was accused instead of being the teacher's pet!

"I can remember one day when I had pleurisy (inflammation of the lungs) I could hardly breathe and so was making a lot of noise. The teacher clumped me and told me to go home. I got as far as the school gate and collapsed; I couldn't walk I was so unwell."

Mr Harknett also remembers school dinners as being "not very nice", with a rotation of stew, toadin-the-hole and shepherd's pie followed by semolina or custard served at the nearby Congregation Hall. While they were occasionally served a spoonful of malt and concentrated orange, Mr Harknett said: "We all have bowed legs as we didn't have a very good diet or

vitamins.'

Despite these difficult moments, Mr Harknett's overriding memories of school are happy. He said: "I have a lot of fond memories. You remember the cold as it was so uncomfortable, but the memories are happy.

While so much has changed since Mr Harknett's days at Roydon, much has stayed the same. He said: "My last teacher at the school, Mrs Bull, used to keep me back at the end of school for extra English lessons as I was never top of the class. I was not very happy about staying back at the time as I had a paper round to get home for, but she was trying to help me.

Children then were not allowed to use pen and ink until they reached the seniors, while today's children are not given a pen licence until they develop

good handwriting.
While "reading, writing and arithmetic" were top of the agenda, much like today, by contrast boys were taught gardening while the girls learnt how to cook.

When it came to physical activity, Mr Harknett remembers the rush for the basket of plimsoles before PE. He said: "Nobody had much of their own, it was all school equipment. The school provided plimsoles and everyone would dive into the big box to try and find the right size and a matching pair. We had a school football team and played against other schools and we were taken to an

outdoor swimming baths for swimming lessons.

As Harlow town celebrates its 70th anniversary this year, Mr Harknett remembers: "We didn't travel much in those days and Harlow was five miles away. I did go to Mark Hall School, but it was not completely built when I started there.

"We used to have an annual school excursion from Roydon to Southend instead which was a good memory. That one-day trip was all we had to look forward to as we didn't have holidays. The whole school would go, as well as our parents. There would be five or six coaches lined up outside school to take us."

Mr Harknett said without TV, radio or sweets, his day consisted of going to school, going home for tea and in bed for 6pm – a treat would be staying up until 7.30pm.

Mr Clark said: "The children today would not believe what life at their school was like back then. It's amazing how different it is in such a small period of time, while some things are still the same, like the things

we teach.
"History is something the children are interested in and want to learn about. We are using all of these anecdotes to teach them."

If you have memories, stories, photos, reports or books from you or your family's time at Roydon Primary, particularly during the 1920s to 1950s, get in touch on admin@ roydon.essex.sch.uk

### Passmores leads fight on bullying in classroom

IN recognition of its commitment to tackling and preventing bullying in school, Passmores has achieved the BIG Award (Bullying Intervention Group) for the fourth consecutive year. This is a national award for excellence in bullying intervention and is endorsed by national awarding organisation NCFE.

Val McFarlane, director of BIG Award Training and

Resources, said: 'I am delighted that Passmores has continued their good practice and has been consistent in their approach to bullying and friendship issues, which occur in every school or organisation. Congratulations to staff, students and parents for excellence in challenging

Notably, Passmores is the first school in Harlow to

receive this accolade, which was awarded after they demonstrated commitment to ensuring that students learn in a positive and inclusive environment. Roxy Ahmad, specialist support co-ordinator at Passmores, explained that to achieve the award, evidence must be provided which proves that effective strategies for challenging bullying are in place. These include showing

that staff and student prefects are well trained in ensuring the safety and good behaviour of all students. In addition, there must also be an up-to-date, robust antibullying policy in place. Passmores was also praised for its approach which includes students' families in its anti-bullying work and for the work of peer mentors. The mentors have been specially trained in active listening skills and act as a first point of contact for anyone who wishes to discuss issues with their peer group, before taking any serious concerns to an

appropriate adult. The Passmores principal, Vic Goddard, said: "As a dad I know how upsetting the thought of my child being

"As a teacher I know that in a building with almost 1,200 young people in, there are going to be times when not everyone gets on.

"Striving to achieve the BIG Award means that we review our systems and processes thoroughly to try and ensure that we are doing all that we can to prevent, avoid and stop bullying happening. Bullying is such an emotive issue and, as parents, we naturally see things through our own

child's eves and it can cause real tension. However, by achieving the BIG Award we are clearly demonstrating that we take these situations seriously and are learning from the best practice out there so we can continue to live up to our school motto of "improving upon our



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### ILM REVIEWS

### ALSO OUT THIS WEEK



Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep in The Post

### THE POST (12A) ★★★★★

IN 1971, The New York Times successfully petitioned the Supreme Court to uphold the rights of a free press in response to a challenge from President Richard Nixon to suspend publication of classified reports detailing US

military involvement in Vietnam.

Director Steven Spielberg's handsome dramatisation of events leading up to this highprofile legal showdown feels uncomfortably relevant in a modern era of fake news and presidential Twitter outbursts.

The Post is also a timely depiction of gender inequality in the workplace and lionises the achievements of Katharine Graham, publisher of The Washington Post, who risked losing the business her father bought in 1933 because she refused to be bullied into submission by a patriarchal establishment .

Tubs are repeatedly thumped in Spielberg's picture, most powerfully in Meryl Streep's tourde-force portrayal of Graham, which captures every facet of a working mother's resolve, inner turmoil and defiance.

It seems almost redundant nowadays to draw attention to her ability to delve beneath the skin of her characters but Streep's work here is

The film opens in 1966 Vietnam, where military analyst Daniel Ellsberg (Matthew Rhys) witnesses first-hand the loss of US troops and reports back his grave concerns to Secretary of Defence Robert McNamara (Bruce Greenwood).

Fearful that the administration is whitewashing the unflattering truth, Ellsberg photocopies classified reports and leaks pages to The New York Times under editor Abe Rosenthal (Michael Stuhlbarg).

Over in Washington, Bradlee (Hanks) reads his rival's front scoop with envy. Bradlee encourages reporter Ben Bagdikian (Bob Odenkirk) to chase down a copy of the report so The Washington Post can bloody its nose

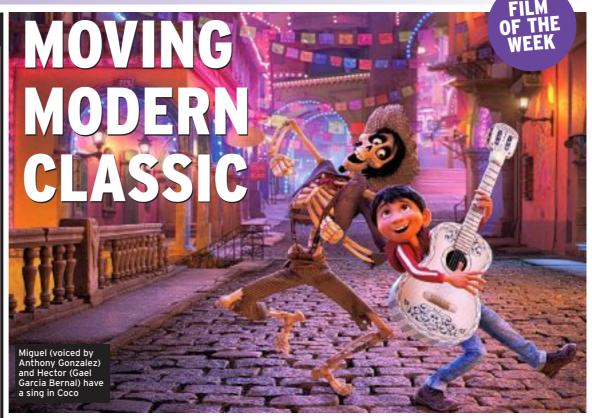
Publisher Katharine Graham (Streep), who is a good friend of McNamara, faces an impossible decision and seeks guidance from the chairman

of the board, Fritz Beebe (Tracy Letts). After a slow opening, The Post whirrs smoothly into action, cutting back and forth between Graham and Bradlee's personal odvssevs.

Period detail is impeccable and Spielberg's frequent cinematographer Janusz Kaminski and composer John Williams add lustre to the stylish project.

Streep is in imperious form and she richly deserves a 21st Oscar nomination. Hanks issues the picture's rallying cry for the media to hold a microscope to the political elite and expose every ugly blemish.

"We have to be the check on their power," he sermonises. "If we don't hold them accountable,



### COCO (PG) ★★★★

amily values resonate far beyond the land of the living in Disney Pixar's uplifting computer-animated

coming of age story. Sensitively scripted by Alfred Molina and Matthew Aldrich, Coco is a visually sumptuous valentine to Mexican culture and the importance of passing down memories to the next generation lest they be lost forever in the mists of time.

Co-director Lee Unkrich, who deservedly collected an Oscar for Toy Story 3, strikes a joyous universal chord with an all-Latino voice cast and an irresistible blend of hearttugging emotion, uproarious comedy and toe-tapping

You can feel the love in every jaw-dropping frame, which shimmers with vibrant colour

and exquisite attention to detail. It's a ravishing feast for the senses.

Coco nimbly addresses thorny issues of mortality and reminiscence for audiences of all ages, skilfully employing a goofy stray dog called Dante as the broad comic relief to keep little ones gurgling with glee in between poignant and painful lessons on the natural cycle of

Tears flow freely – and genuinely – throughout the briskly paced narrative that conceals a couple of delightful surprises.

Twelve-year-old dimplecheeked Miguel Rivera (voiced by Anthony Gonzalez) lives in the bustling Mexican village of Santa Cecilia, where his family have worked as shoemakers for generations

His grandmother Abuelita (Renee Victor) rules the roost and she strictly enforces a ban on music, which dates back to a doomed romance between Miguel's great-great-grandmother Mama Imelda (Alanna Ubach) and a fameseeking guitarist.

"Being part of this family means being here for this family," Abuelita warns her grandson, who secretly yearns to be a musician like his hero, Ernesto de la Cruz (Benjamin Bratt).

To this end, on Dia de los Muertos - the Day of the Dead - when Miguel is supposed to be honouring his ancestors, the boy sneaks into the ornate burial tomb of his idol to "borrow" a guitar so he can perform at the village talent show.

One strum of the instrument magically transports the youngster to an alternate plane, where he can communicate with long-lost skeletal relatives.

They shepherd Miguel over a bridge of fluttering marigold petals to the Land of the Dead.

"I thought it was one of those made-up things that adults tell kids - like vitamins!" gasps Miguel. In this wondrous realm, the

boy joins forces with a charming trickster called Hector (Gael Garcia Bernal) to uncover a dark secret from his family's past.

Coco stands shoulder-toshoulder with WALL-E and Inside Out as a heartfelt modern classic from the

Disney Pixar stable. Michael Giacchino's orchestral score accentuates the script's emotional high notes and also provides its own elegiac crescendo with the tender ballad Remember Me.

Safe to say, we'll be fondly recalling Lee Unkrich and Adrian Molina's film for a very long time.

### Neeson goes off the rails in clunky thriller

### THE COMMUTER (15)

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SPANISH director Jaume Collet-Serra's high-octane action thriller careens along the Hudson Line of New York City's busy Metro-North Railroad for a preposterous high-stakes game of hide and seek aboard an evening rush

hour train.

Logic is left standing on the platform of Grand Central

station as three scriptwriters merrily propel their twodimensional characters down narrative sidings in order to extend our journey time and give the false impression of dramatic momentum.

A ridiculously overblown finale, which begs unfavourable comparisons to Jan de Bont's Speed, temporarily quickens the pulse but The Commuter has already derailed before this

spectacular, special effectsladen flourish

Collet-Serra

reunites with gruff leading man Liam Neeson after their testosterone-fuelled collaborations on Unknown, Non-Stop and Run All Night, and he borrows elements from those

three bruising skirmishes for

this rickety runaway train. The Commuter is riddled with gaping plot holes that undermine the central race against time.

However, there's not one instance when we fear for Neeson's flawed hero's safety, even when his head is being thrust out of a smashed window into the path of an oncoming train.

### CELEBRITY WELLBEING



OU rarely expect people to be exactly what they're like on the television, but what you see is what you get with Scarlett Moffatt.

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The country first fell in love with her on Gogglebox, and then again when she was crowned Queen of the Jungle on I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here 2016 – and it's hard not to do the same when you meet her. Speaking to Scarlett is just like chatting with a friend: everything she says is funny and kind, in her signature Geordie accent.
Even though her new autobi-

Even though her new autobiography might have a jokey title to match her personality, Me Life Story, Sofa, So Good, don't make the mistake of not taking her seriously.

her seriously.

Here, Scarlett tells us all about how she's learnt to fight her demons and why she wants to spread a body positive message on Instagram.

### OPENING UP ABOUT HER BELL'S PALSY

SHE might have a glamorous career presenting on shows like Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway and the newly rebooted Streetmate, but life hasn't always been easy for

27-year-old Scarlett. She's writes in her autobiography about some pretty serious topics that have affected her – from childhood bullying to a bike accident which changed her life. Just before starting secondary school, Scarlett was diagnosed with Bell's palsy – a type of facial paralysis that was the result of her being hit by a car while cycling.

This, coupled with subsequent bullying at school made life difficult, but she's glad she's finally opened up about it all. "I'm so pleased that I wrote about it, because it was almost like therapy," she admits. "I

feel like a lot of weight has been lifted off." That's not to say sharing was easy. "It was harder opening up about the Bell's palsy and how I have anxiety and panic attacks," says Scarlett, "because they're sides of me I don't ever show publicly."

TACKLING ANXIETY SCARLETT is frank about her struggles

TV presenter Scarlett looking

mum and dad, Betty and Mark

glam and, right, on the sofa where it all began with her

with anxiety.

"When you

talk about it, it becomes less stressful," she says. "I don't think anyone should feel like it's a problem, because it's not something you can help: that's just how our brains work.

"There's such a stigma attached to anxiety, so it's good to brush that away, nobody should feel embarrassed or alone. The more people talk about it, the more people will understand it and know how to act."

"I still have bad days," she says of her own issues. "What people need to understand about anxiety and panic attacks is that it isn't necessarily the big things that can make you feel nervous, it can be little things too."

### HOW FAME HAS HELPED HER LOVE HERSELF

CONTRARY to what you might expect, being in the spotlight has actually helped Scarlett deal with her anxieties and the negative self-image she had as a child.

"I never thought as a kid, when I had the accident with my teeth

(they were smashed in the bike accident) and the Bell's palsy, that I would be taking selfies and posting them on the internet. I think it's actually given me more confidence.

"I've learned - and I mean this in a non-big headed way - to love myself. This is what I look like, flaws and all. If I didn't have them, I wouldn't be me."

Scarlett credits her 11-year-old sister, Ava, as one of the reasons she's so vocal about being body confident, both online and in person.

"Because my sister's 11, I want to give a clear message to her that you don't have to look a conventional way," she says. "I make sure on Instagram I also post pictures without make-up, because I think it's important for people to realise that it isn't real life. People don't look glamorous 24/7. Most of the time I'm in a onesie, with my hair in a topknot and no make-up on."

And the best piece of advice Scarlett has given to her sister? "I always tell her to be a Froot





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■ USE SUNSCREEN: Winter sun can still damage your skin. Apply broad-spectrum sunscreen to your face and hands about 30 minutes before going outside, and reapply

■ LOOK ÁFTER YOUR HANDS: In cold dry weather your hands are prone to itchiness and cracking, so wear gloves

wear gloves.

USE A HUMIDIFIER: Central heating and space heaters blast hot dry air, and a humidifier gets more moisture in the air, which helps to prevent skin from drying out.

DON'T FORGET YOUR FEET: Try

■ DON'T FORGET YOUR FEET: Try lotions which contain petroleum jelly or glycerine and exfoliate periodically to remove dead skin.

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perfect

eyesight - but

lasers

used to correct

problems

F YOU'RE sick of wearing glasses or contact lenses, the only other option to achieve clear vision is laser eve surgery - a procedure now thought to account for around 75% of UK surgical proce-

Such operations, which are also known as refractive surgery or laser vision correction (LVC), correct eye problems such as short sight, long sight and astigmatism, using a laser to reshape the front of the eye, which improves the ability to focus.

It's an increasingly popular option for people with sight problems, and the Royal College of Ophthalmolo-gists (RCOphth) says more than 100,000 refractive surgery procedures are performed every year in the UK.

However, surgery to correct the need for glasses or contact lenses isn't currently available on the NHS, and it also isn't covered by private health insurance.

Private clinics charge from £595 up to £2,175 per eye, depending on the type of procedure, so it's a big investment that needs careful well-informed consideration before you decide to take the plunge.

### WHO CAN HAVE LASER EYE SURGERY?

MOST people aged over 18 can have laser eye surgery, as long as they've had a stable spectacle prescription for at least two years. Short sight typically stablises by late teens or early twenties.

Mr Bruce Allan, a consultant ophthalmic surgeon at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, says: "Laser eye surgery has been very widely used for the correction of short sight and astigmatism for over 20 years - we perform about 3,000 procedures a year at Moorfields, and over 16 million people worldwide have had LVC.

"Modern laser systems are also very effective at correcting long sight, which tends to affect people more in mid-life, and LVC for older patients is

increasingly popular."
He says around 99% of people in a large recent study published in the Review of Ophthalmology said that they were satisfied with the result of their laser treatment, and for the small minority of patients with a poor outcome, revision treatment is normally effective.

You're most likely to be suitable for laser eye surgery if your glasses prescription is in the range of:

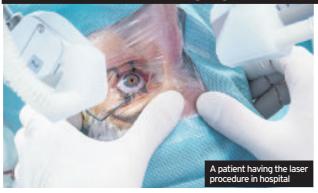
- UP to -10.00D of myopia or short sight
- UP to +4.00D of hyperopia or
- long sight ■ UP to +-6.00D of astigmatism.

Patients may not be suitable for LVC if they have other eye conditions



# YES RIGHT

**LISA SALMON** LOOKS AT WHO LASER SURGERY IS SUITABLE FOR, HOW IT'S DONE, AND WHAT THE RISKS AND BENEFITS ARE



including cataracts, or problems with their eye surface. It also isn't recommended for correcting reading prescriptions either, as these prescriptions change as you get older.

### OTHER SURGICAL OPTIONS

MR ALLAN explains that implantbased techniques may be more suitable for some patients.
Lens implantation techniques have

two main categories: refractive lens exchange (RLE), which is identical to cataract surgery where the natural lens is replaced with a lens implant, and phakic intraocular lenses (PIOLs), where artificial lenses are

implanted in front of the natural lens without replacing it.

This is often used in younger patients where the spectacle prescription is outside the normal range for laser eye surgery.

### **HOW DO YOU CHOOSE A CLINIC?**

THE Royal College of Ophthalmologists (RCOphth) advises potential patients to think carefully before having refractive surgery.

The RCOphth has a helpful checklist on its website (rcophth.ac. uk) that you can use in the consultation with the refractive surgeon

Patients are strongly advised to

choose a surgeon on the General Medical Council's specialist register in ophthalmology (gmc-uk.org), or who has the Cert LRS qualification, which can be checked via the Royal College of Ophthalmologists.

Also, make sure the hospital or clinic is regulated with the relevant regulator for the area of the UK it's based in.

The clinic should be clear from the start about the total cost of the procedure. This normally includes follow-up clinic visits and treatment for any problems resulting from surgery. Additional laser treatments to fine-tune the visual result, for two years after surgery, are normally included in the initial cost.

### WHAT HAPPENS DURING SURGERY?

THE treatment is usually carried out on both eyes during the same visit, and takes around 30 minutes although the laser is applied for only a minute or two. All procedures use anaesthetic drops to keep patients comfortable, and a spring clip is used to hold the eyelids apart.

Patients will be asked to look up at a target light during the treatment to help keep the eye in the right position, and lasers are then used to remove a lens-shaped piece of tissue to reshape the cornea beneath. While the three available treatments involve slightly different methods, all have similar results.

Patients can go home on the same day as surgery, with antibiotic and anti-inflammatory drops to help the eves heal.

### RISKS AND SIDE-EFFECTS

PERMANENT loss of vision is rare after LVC, and the main risk is that further surgery may be needed for optimum results - up to one in 10 patients requires some form of additional surgery.

In the early period after surgery, patients may see glare, halos, starbursts and ghost images, but such problems usually resolve within a few months.

There may also be intermittent blurring, temporary red blotches on the eyes, and dry eye symptoms, which can be treated with artificial tears, and should get better within a few months.

### WHAT RESULTS CAN YOU EXPECT?

MORE than 95% of patients are satisfied with the outcome, and many describe it as life-changing.

Although glasses may still be needed for some activities after treatment, particularly for reading in older patients.

Mr Allan says: "A reasonable expectation is to have vision at the same level as you get in soft contact lenses, but without having to wear

"Another way of putting it is that vou should see at least as well as a normal non-spectacle wearer."

### FOOD & DRINK



IS THERE anything better than a proper grilled steak sandwich?

This one, from Janneke's new book, comes with a mustardy mayo and is topped

with onions. Whip one up for yourself as a treat...

### **INGREDIENTS**

1 shallot, sliced into rings A small splash of red wine vinegar 1 entrecote steak (around 150g) 14 baguette or a crusty bread roll 12te Nice mustard

1-2tsp Dijon mustard 1-2tbsp mayonnaise 1 head little gem, leaves separated

Salt and freshly ground pepper, to season

### METHOD:

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6. Put the shallot rings into a small bowl, add the red wine vinegar and let it sit for 10 minutes.

2. In the meantime, place a griddle pan over a high heat until it's very hot.

3. Rub some salt into both sides of the entrecote.

**4.** Fry the meat for one

to one and a half minutes on each side. 5. Place it on a cutting board, grind over some pepper and let it rest for a bit.

SANDWICH

(SERVES 1)

6. Warm through the French bread or rolls in the hot oven (or slice them open and toast in the steak pan).7. Meanwhile, stir the mustard into the mayo

in a little bowl, to taste.

8. Slice the warmed bread in half lengthways, then spread both halves with a generous amount of the mustardy mayo and add some lettuce

leaves.

9. Slice the entrecote on the diagonal and arrange the slices in the sandwich.

10. Squeeze as much liquid as you can out of the shallot rings and sprinkle them over the meat. Top with the other half of the bread, and dinner is served.

The art of eating solo

### Cooking for yourself is worth the trouble, Janneke Vreugdenhil tells **ELLA WALKER**

ATING alone? So often, it just seems easier to chuck something on a slice of toast for dinner when you're dining solo, than go to the effort of cooking a proper meal.

For food writer Janneke Vreugdenhil, her toast topping of choice was anchovies and avocado – if she could bring herself to eat at all.

"After my husband left me three years ago, at first, I couldn't eat," she remembers. "I'm a food writer so I'm used to cooking, food is a big part of my life.

"I get up in the morning and I think about food; I go to bed and I think about food, and suddenly, food was the last thing on my agenda.

"I was so sad, I wasn't hungry. I was losing weight and I felt

miserable. Because divorce is not very good for your self-confidence and self-love, I didn't love myself enough to think I was worth the trouble of cooking.

"Then one day I

"Then one day I thought, 'OK, I have to start taking better care of myself." After around six

months of living alone – aside from when her two sons were with her – the Dutch cookery book author and critic finally seared a steak for herself.

"In the beginning, it felt really strange. I thought, 'It's silly, I'm all alone, why am I going to all this trouble? Why don't I just eat a bag of crisps in bed like I did in the first months?"

Ditching dinners of crisps, supermarket soup and bowls of oatmeal, led to her rediscovering her joy of food, and to recipe ideas, and finally to Solo Food, a cookbook of dishes for one.

She considers the book her "therapy" because it drove her to cook for herself daily, and enjoy it, until "it became a new normal thing to do".

Janneke's sadness and wobbly self-esteem were not the only obstacles to cooking well for one though. "Cooking for one is a different thing than cooking for two, or a crowd or a family," she explains. "Recipes are always meant for four people, and packaging in supermarkets is aimed at families."

On a practical level, solo cooking can be a logistical nightmare. "It is far easier to multiply a recipe for one, than to divide a recipe for four into

one-person
portions - like a
cauliflower, you're
never going to eat a
whole cauliflower
all by yourself, even
the natural
packaging of it
makes it difficult for
one person," says
Janneke.

"Meals have to be quick and practical. You have to be clever."

In Solo Food, she shares a lemon cake in a mug, a bowl of stir-fried prawns to dunk in harissa mayo, ideas for using up stuff across multiple days without rice-fatigue setting in, and a favourite green slush of quinotto that Janneke admits is "not something I would make for someone else, it doesn't really look good, it's a bit messy, but it tastes really, really nice".



"So many people live solo for some time in their lives," says Janneke. "Whether you're alone by choice or by chance, it doesn't matter, cooking for yourself is a very precious – and fun – thing to do."

Reflecting on how her dinners for one have changed how she works in the kitchen, Janneke says: "I am cooking more freestyle. I'm doing really funky stuff because there's no one to say, 'Oh, you can't have that with that!' I put all my leftovers together and sometimes it's amazingly good, and sometimes it doesn't work at all and I do

have to order pizza, but it's a real opportunity to cook on instinct, and by heart.

"Restaurant meals, takeouts, ready meals - they're made for the average palate," she adds, but when you're only feeding yourself, you can be specific, decadent, selfish even.

"You can really follow your own palate. You don't have to please anyone else."

■ Solo Food by Janneke Vreugdenhil, photography by Floortje van Essen-Ingen Housz, is published in paperback by HQ, priced £16.99.

I HAVE to be quick to keep up with the ever-changing selection of wines on our high streets and when I catch up with some wine ranges I wish I hadn't.

But there's a new range from Spar which has had people talking. I mentioned a couple of wines in my festive columns and promised I'd share more in the New Year. This is that time. Spar has set itself a mission to

Spar has set itself a mission to make choosing wine simpler for customers and has begun its journey with the release of five entry level wines for £5 and, in the level above, has brought out a dozen varietal wines in an Alphahet Series at £6 each.

Alphabet Series at £6 each. **Bold Red (£5, 13% abv)** is a Spanish wine made from 100% tempranillo, the grape at the heart of rioja. This wine has been

### RAISE A GLASS WITH JANE CLARE

aged for two months in American oak and despite its name, isn't deep and gloopy. It is a mediumbodied red with a good nose of jammy fruits and a refreshing fruit flavour with a hint of spice.

Fresh Rosé (£5, 11.5% abv) is another offering from Spain, cerise in colour from Bobal grape, it has pretty aromas of strawberry and citrus with flavours reflecting much the same.

Pinot Grigio Rosé (£6, 11.5% abv) is in the Alphabet Series and for £1 extra offers more of a pink sensation. Call me a pinot grigio snob, but when I see the grape on a label I always sigh "oh, well, if I must". But I really enjoyed this pink from Romania which has aromas of pear, stone fruit and fresh red fruits. It was tasty too.

New Zealand's sauvignon blanc

New Zealand's sauvignon blanc wines have set the tone for many people who enjoy this grape. Spar has sourced grapes for its Sauvignon Blanc (£6, 12% abv)

from the Languedoc region of France so you don't get the punchy fruit notes of a New World version, but a gentler rolling style with citrus and apples. I tasted with a midweek cheese pie; very nice too.

The Malbec (£6, 13% abv) Alphabet Series varietal

is sourced from its homeland of France, despite Argentina making the grape its own in recent years. Try this wine with a warming weekend casserole after your toes have chilled from a football match or a dog walk. It has soft dark and red fruits and hints of chocolate.

■ Also in my glass... If you're thinking of celebrating Burns Night (Thursday, January 25) here's an idea for a whisky cocktail. This idea from Glen

Moray is tasty.

Glen Moray Classic Port
Cask Finish Whisky (RRP £25,
masterofmalt.com,
thewhiskyexchange.com,
Amazon and whisky specialists)

is matured in American oak and spends eight months in port pipes sourced from the Douro Valley in Portugal.

To make the cocktail: In a glass add 15ml Earl Grey syrup (which is a mixture of 2:1 brown sugar – cooled, strong Earl Grey tea, reheated in a pan until sugar has dissolved) and three dashes of orange bitters. From a separate measure of 60ml whisky, pour a little bit into the tea. Add ice and pour over the remaining whisky. Stir and garnish with lemon zest.

■ Jane is a member of the Circle of Wine Writers. Find her on social media and online as One Foot in the Grapes.

SOME dishes you probably wouldn't serve up for visitors - but they can still be a delight for niahts in on your own.

"This was one of the first things I made for myself after I was on my own," explains Janneke.

"This rather strange combination emerged out of a few things I happened to have on hand.

"(It's) typical solo food, actually, in that it's something I probably wouldn't make for a guest.

"But I like it so much that I now eat it fairly often, and every time I do, I hope I'll find the willpower to stop myself from eating the whole howl."

### INGREDIENTS:

Olive oil, for frying 1 shallot, sliced into half rings 1 small fennel bulb, cut in half and

100g guinoa 250ml hot vegetable stock (from a cube)

A small handful of almonds, with skin on 1 small avocado Juice of 1/2 lime

A small handful of fresh coriander leaves, coarsely chopped Salt and freshly ground pepper, to season

### METHOD:

1. Heat the olive oil in a small heavy pan and add in the shallot, fennel and a small pinch of salt.

2. Saute for a few minutes. then add the quinoa and fry a bit longer, stirring well.

3. Pour the stock into the

bowled QUINOTTO WITH FENNEL

ALMONDS AND AVOCADO (SERVES 1)

pan, bring to the boil, turn down the heat to low, then cover the pan and cook for 15-20 minutes until done.

**4.** Toast the almonds in a dry frying pan.

**5.** Remove the peel from the avocado and cut the flesh into largish chunks - sprinkle them with a little of the lime juice to keep them from turning brown.

6. Remove the pan with the quinoa from the heat and stir in the almonds, avocado and coriander.

7. Taste and season with black pepper, lime juice and, if necessary, a little more salt. 8. Put everything into a bowl, grab a spoon and dig in.

IT MIGHT look like breakfast for dinner. but this easy dish is so much more.

Janneke calls this recipe "a kind of pisto manchego"

Whatever vou call it. it's a quick, one-pan dinner

that's ready in less than half an hour. It's pretty healthy too.

Here's how to do it...

### INGREDIENTS:

Olive oil for frying 1 small (or ½ large) onion, sliced into half rings

½ long red pepper, deseeded and sliced into strips 4 slices of Serrano ham or chorizo,

chopped ½ courgette or 1 baby courgette, cut in half lengthways and sliced into half moons

10 cherry tomatoes, halved

ONE-PAN WONDER

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A few fresh basil or flat-leaf parsley leaves (or a pinch of dried oregano)

Salt and freshly ground pepper, to Bread to serve

### METHOD:

1. Heat a small splash of olive oil in a frying pan, add the onion and a pinch of salt and fry for two minutes over a high heat until the onion begins to brown.

2. Add the pepper and fry for two minutes more.

A KIND OF PISTO MANCHEGO (SERVES 1)

3. Add the ham or chorizo and fry for another minute. 4. Add the courgette and fry for two more minutes. **5.** Add the tomatoes and fry for another two minutes. 6. Make two depressions in the vegetable mixture and break in the eggs, then cook for two to three minutes until the eggs are set, covering the pan for the last 30 seconds. 7. Sprinkle over a little more salt if necessary, and in any case with a generous amount of freshly ground pepper, and finish with one of the herbs. 8. Serve immediately with some kind of rustic bread, or just use whatever bread you've got on hand.

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N the dreary, bleak expanse of time known as January, when the fairy lights have come down but the sun barely seems to register on the horizon, having a range of spirit-lifting activities in your arsenal is a must.

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This month, indulging in a steaming soak in the bath is the healthiest way to melt away New Year

It doesn't have to be complicated. All you need is warm water and a dash of something scented, chosen according to your bathing desires, be that pure relaxation, stress relief or to

soothe aching muscles.
And if you're saving pennies this month, a night in the tub is cheaper than a night in the pub – as long as you choose your bath oil or salt

From the calming to the energising, these are the aromatic additions that will take you to bath heaven..

### **SLEEP INDUCING**

STRUGGLING to get your requisite seven hours of slumber? Look for bath products that contain lavender (proven to help

L-R: Lush The Big Sleep Jelly Bath Bomb; Elemis Life Elixirs Sleep Bath & Shower Oil; Kneipp Joint & Muscle Arnica Bath Crystal Holland & Barrett; Aromatherapy Associates
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All you need is warm water and a dash of something scented...

you drift off) and sweet scents like tonka bean and almond oil. Lie back and breathe in the fragrant fumes before bed to ensure a restful night's

**Why not try...** Lush The Big Sleep Jelly Bath Bomb, £4.95 each or Elemis Life Elixirs Sleep Bath & Shower Oil, £55

### MUSCLE RELAXING

PERSISTENT aches and pains can feel so much worse when it's cold out, but a warm bath can make all the difference.

Boost the healing powers of hot water with bath salts that contain arnica, a natural muscle and joint reliever, or massage your sore spots for a few minutes with oil, then hop into the bath to let the scent disperse.

Why not try... Kneipp Joint & Muscle Arnica Bath Crystals, £8.95, Holland & Barrett or Aromatherapy Associates De-Stress Muscle Bath and Shower Oil, £47

### STRESS RELIEVING

FEELING frazzled after just a week back at work? Reach for a luxurious oil packed with essential oils that will calm even the most stressed-out mind. A blend of floral and citrus notes will evoke sunnier days and

brighten your mood.

Why not try: Tisserand De-Stress Bath Oil, £10.95 or Espa Soothing Bath Oil. £30

### INVIGORATING

NOT everyone wants a bath that will prepare them for a good night's sleep. If you love to jump in the tub first thing in the morning, you'll want an energising aroma to wake you up.

Oils infused with zingy citrus and fresh floral scents will set you up for the day.

Why not try... Tropic Skincare Awaken the Senses Bath Soak, £28.50 until January 31 (from £38) or Floris Lime Bath Essence, £55







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■ IF you care about looking good while you work out, then these two new launches are for you.

First up is Pretty Athletic (from £15.50), the UK's first skincare range designed especially for 'active women' targeting common gym skin issues like clogged pores, irritation and inflammation,

prettyathletic.com And once you've got on top of all that, CliniqueFit (from £13) features a host of workout-proof fixes, from sweat-resistant foundation and mascara to post-workout face powder to tone down redness, clinique.com



### CELEB SECRET

■ THE Duchess of Cambridge, Victoria Beckham, pictured, and Miranda Kerr are all said to be fans of Trilogy Certified Organic Rosehip Oil, below.

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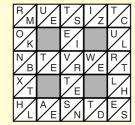
Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

**UK** Eurovision acts

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### Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.



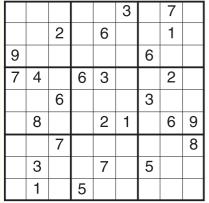
### Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

### Easy

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### Hard



### **Two Speed Crossword**

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

### Cryptic

### Across 1 & 21Ac. Don't go into

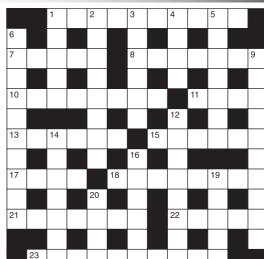
- the vaults blindfold! (4.6.3.4)
- 7. Should be an expression of disgust in the Old Testament (5)
- 8. Neater hairdresser
- 10. This mixed could
- do poet harm (8) 11 & 14 Dn. Will this give the dimensions of the teleprinter strip? (4,7)
- 13 Calling the man back to have gin cocktail (6)
- 15. He got confused by East German poet
- 17. He will be seen during the National Anthem (4)
- 18. Insurance allowed for bed-linen (8)
- 21. See 1 Across. 22. He's a lot involved
- with the start of philosophy (5)
- 23. Poison a beautiful Italian girl (10)

- 1 & 20Dn. For a snack I'll get ham (5,4)
- 2. Exhausted unconscious money used up (8) 3. Profound part for
  - a Shakespearian actor (6)
  - 4. It's just a description of a blonde (4)
  - 5. Defensive mound to up with one piece
  - 6. A series of remarks associated with running? (10)
  - 9. A second choice? (2-8)12. Certainly not
  - descriptive of factory-made yarn (8)

garbled code is

enclosed (6)

- 14. See 11 Across 16. A little work in
- 19. Plant revealed
  - by Australian aborigines (5)
    - 20. See 1 Down.



Scribble pad

### Quick

### Across

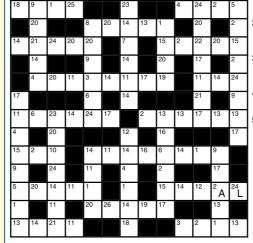
- 1 & 21Ac. Be cautious (4,6,3,4)
- Should (5)
- 8. Timber-shaping machine (7)
- 10. Figure of speech (8)
- 11. Record (4)
- 13 Terming (6)
- 15. German writer (6) 17 Man's name (4)
- 18. Bedspread (8)
- 21. See 1 Across.
- 22. Greek philosopher
- (5) 23. Deadly nightshade
- (10)

### Down

- 1. Not heavy (5)
- 2. Tired out (8)
- Base (6)
- 4. Impartial (4)
- 5. Embankment (7)
- Spoken 6. accompaniment (10)
- Second vote (2-8)
- 12. Unsophisticated (8)
- 14. Determine the size of (7)
- 16. Confined (6)
- 19. Tropical plant (5)
- 20. Repast (4)

### Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid 1. represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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### Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted There is one 9-letter word to be found.



### How you rate:

15 words - average; 25 words - good; 35 words - very good;

### Quiz

Which US drama on Fox, based on the X-Men series, stars Stephen Moyer and Amy Acker as parents on the run with their kids after discovering their mutant abilities? What name is given to the deciduous dentition of young children? Which style of painting

was developed by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque? What is the maximum number of sets in a men's tennis match? Which alcoholic drink



Q1 - Stephen Mover

8.

Wordsquare SOLEMNITY

8 2

9 5

distilled from the agave plant is named after a town in Mexico? Which colourless odourless gas has the chemical symbol O? By what first name was Harry Lillis Crosby better known? The childhood disease

rickets is caused by a deficiency of which vitamin? Which river flows to the North Sea at

Berwick, forming part of the border between England and Scotland? What sort of creature is

a skink?

Across: 6 Antwerp; 7 Board; 9 Bit; 10 In any case; 12 Fairgrounds;

21 Hangs; 22 Gunshot. Down: 1 Anvil;

2 Awl; 3 Iron; 4 Concourse; 5 Preside; 8

15 Controversy; 17 Plaintiff; 19 Fly;

Untrue: 11 Partridge: 13 Roosts: 14 Coalman; 16 Elbow; 18 Flue; 20 Ash.

Two-Speed Crossword

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Narrowboat, Aeroplane. Hot-air balloon, Cruise ship, Underground Motorcycle, Catamaran, Double-decker bus, Limousine, Sidecar, Broomstick, Gondola, Helicopter, Hovercraft, Zeppelin, Horse and cart, Rocket, Stagecoach, Submarine, Toboggan, Schooner, Hang glider, Scooter, Tractor.

1. Balamory: 2. Tees: 3. Richmal Crompton; 4. Royal Mint; 5. Ten Commandments; 6. Twelve; 7. Termite; 8. Florida; 9. Antonin Dvorak; 10. Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

### Sudoku

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### Split Decision



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# PROPERTY

### **INNER SPACE**

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This large family home on the edge of Church Langley offers a nice luxurious touch PAGES 32-33

ANICE SURPRISE IN THE CARDEN.

### HOT HOUSE



# FAMILY HOME THAT HAS ITS OWN POOL



large family home has come on the market in Harlow and in the garden is an outdoor pool. The riptide swim-spa will be perfect once the better weather eventually arrives – either for a dip or relaxing with a second property timple.

glass of your favourite tipple.

The six-bedroom property is found in a secluded corner of Chelsea Gardens - on the edge of Church Langley.

On the ground floor is a large lounge, formal

On the ground floor is a large lounge, forma dining room, fitted kitchen and utility room. Just off the entrance hall is a cloakroom containing a toilet.

On the first floor is three bedrooms, a bathroom plus the master bedroom. This room contains fitted wardrobes and an en-suite bathroom.

There are a further two bedrooms on the top floor - together with large storage areas under the eaves. One of the bedrooms could also be used as a study. Outside of the property is a single garage with driveway and a landscaped rear garden which benefits from decking, a patio and planting.

For those considering commuting from Church Langley the nearest stations are Harlow Mill (2 miles away), Harlow Town (2.6 miles away) and Sawbridgeworth (3.6 miles away). The nearest primary school is Henry Moore

The nearest primary school is Henry Moore which is 0.3 miles away. It has 567 pupils and is rated good by Ofsted.

Also close is Church Langley Community Primary School which is rated good by the Ofsted inspectors.

If your child is of secondary school age there is St Nicholas independent school plus the Passmores and Mark Hall Academies. Both of these are rated as good in their latest inspection reports.

The property is being marketed by Reyland Johnson Estate Agents, who are based in Acorn Mews, Harlow, for £549,995.

For further details call them on 01279 216216.

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### **GET YOURSELF** RGANISED



### A SHAKER-STYLE ENTRANCE

A storage-lined open foyer is a great, versatile option for busy households. Taking inspiration from the Shaker use of peg rails to hang all manner of things, all you need to assemble your own version is a sliver of hall off your front or back door.

Why it works: Pegs close to the entrance help ensure kids' bags land in the right spot (parents' bags on other end), designated coat pegs offer a place for each family member, a Shaker-style hanging shelf provides a home for small items, a chalkboard marks daily reminders, and an Ikea Tjusig Bench (from £35, Ikea. com) doubles as a shoe rack.



### THE ULTIMATE COMPACT KITCHEN A small workspace can still make good

use of open and closed storage:

big difference.

Cookware and dishware are concealed behind cabinet doors, and a clever storage rail keeps often-used tools close at hand but off the counter. WHY IT WORKS: Stacked dishware and decanted pantry goods maximise cabinet space, S hooks and metal clips hold kitchen scissors, coffee filters etc, trays anchor the counter, a small hanging basket holds utensils and a print adds an artful touch - a small detail that makes a



### With creative fittings and a few good habits, any space can be streamlined and sorted -The Remodelista experts reveal how

Guralnick, the authors of Remodelista

ho says storage can't be stylish? And for a sense of calm and control, Julie Carlson and Margot

a new book packed with ultra-slick organisational tricks to deploy all over the house - also suggest embracing some 'Daily Rituals', little habits that often take no more than

a few minutes but can have life-changing effects.

For instance, studies suggest that people who make their bed every day are not only more rested than non-bed-makers, but happier, healthier and more successful.

Opening your mail every day is another of their tips, to avoid that dreaded build-up of unsorted life admin that can weigh

heavily on the mind (and clog up draw-

Along with handy storage tactics such as 'Hang It', 'Cart It', 'Label It' and 'Tray It' - the book sets out to illustrate how, with clever lay-outs and fittings and adopting a few simple habits, being sorted and tidy can be aestheticallypleasing and make a huge difference to our wellbeing, even when space is tight.

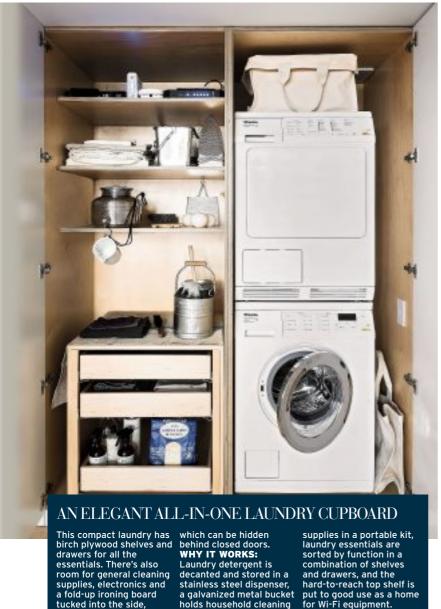
So whether you need to know how to make the best of a compact kitchen, or want to edit your wardrobe ready for

the new season, here are five ways to make an art out of order and live better through organisation, with the help of our designminded friends at Remodelista.com...

■ Tips from Remodelista: The Organized Home by Julie Carlson and Margot Guralnick, photography by Matthew Williams, published by Artisan Books, priced £15.99



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### A WELL-ORDERED WARDROBE

A fashionista's dream - fitted with floor-to-ceiling storage, this space holds a wardrobe's worth of clothing. Canvas bins, wire baskets, cardboard boxes and metal dividers - most from office and kitchen supply departments - make the shelf storage much more efficient. **WHY IT WORKS:** Jumblepreventing bins and baskets create discreet storage zones on open shelves, piles of jeans, sweaters and T-shirts limited to six per stack, metal-rimmed paper key tags serve as labels on bins and baskets and allow for easy sorting, glass fronted drawers are a bespoke detail worth copying (they protect shoes while enabling you to see what you've got), and an industrial kitchen stool provides a place to put on shoes, drape clothes and reach high shelves.





Let's face it, you're more likely to throw an impromptu drinks or dinner party when your tabletop elements are kept at the ready in one place. A kitchen or dining area drawer is especially handy for this kit.

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PRO TIP: Store the items on trays so you can lift them out for quick delivery to the table - and then use trays for serving.

PREPAREDNESS
KIT: Bar tools
comprising corkscrew,
bottle opener, jigger
and mixing spoon;
candles, tapers and
tea lights, matches,
ice bucket, glasses,
serving trays, readyfor-the-table flatware
in leather pockets.

cloth napkins rolled

into napkin rings.





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**YOUR LOCAL PROPERTY EXPERTS** 

Eden Mansion near St Andrews

The terraced property in Fitzrovia, centra London, and the interior, below right

film Phantom Thread will be released in the UK on February 2 and tells the story of a bachelor dressmaker working during the 1950s whose life becomes a lot harder when he finds love.

Starring Daniel-Day Lewis in what is said to be his final screen role, it also features Lesley Manville as his sister and Vicky Krieps as his lover.

The film has already garnered several awards and Day-Lewis was also nominated at Daniel Day-Lewis the recent Golden Globes Awards for Best Actor.

The film is up for five gongs at this year's British Academy Film Awards, too.

Phantom Thread was filmed



on location in the UK in two key places – Lythe in North Yorkshire and in Fitzrovia in central London.

In the capital, many of the scenes were shot at a Grade I listed, five-storey, seven-

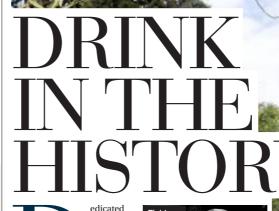
bedroom mansion on Fitzroy Square, which in the film is the workshop and home of the fictional Reynolds Woodcock, played by Day-Lewis. Within its Georgian

walls Woodcock is shown designing and making clothes for royalty and high society, and also

wooing his waitress girlfriend. The Robert Adams-designed terraced property is now for sale. Built in 1790, it features eight reception rooms, private parking, 3.5-metre high ceilings and a full height

cantilevered stone staircase. It has planning permission to turn the rear mews house into separate modern dwellings with a basement pool.

The property is for sale at £15m through Knight Frank (020 3813 3647).



fans of First World War TV comedy series Blackadder Goes Forth - starring Rowan Atkinson, Tony Robinson, Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie - will know that General Melchett, played by Fry, was heavily modelled on a real soldier.

Field Marshall Douglas Haig, who commanded the British Expeditionary Force onto the bloody field of Flanders, has been heavily criticised since for his belief in near-suicidal frontal assaults, and the millions of casualties that followed.

But a change of heart among historians has occurred recently. A more balanced view of his military career has now been adopted, no doubt to the relief of his famous family. One of his forebears, John

Haig, helped found one of Scotland's most famous distilleries and by the time Douglas was commanding troops in France, Haig whisky

was already a global brand. This whisky wealth paid for



home Douglas would have known well.

Although no longer owned by the Haig family, it has recently been refurbished at great expense.

It has two halls, several reception rooms, a cinema and a main bedroom on the first floor, seven more bedrooms upstairs, a tower room and wine cellar, as well as a two-bedroom lodge, several outbuildings, garages

and five acres of gardens.
It is currently operated as both a B&B and home and is on the market for offers over £1.75m. More information from Savills (0131 247 3738)



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actor Oliver Reed's drinking sessions were legendary. So much so, that on one occasion he is rumoured to have kidnapped his milkman and taken him to London for a two-day drinking binge.

When word got out, the milkman was sacked from his round, so Reed took him on as his gardener.

So which house did that milkman deliver to? Okewood Hill Estate, a sprawling country pile in Surrey which is now on the market.

Reed, the star of movies such as Oliver! and Castaway lived at Okewood Hill throughout the 1970s.

He isn't the only famous face to have graced the corridors of the Grade II listed



property that features 16th-century timbers and leaded windows.

Comic Jim Davidson owned the estate until 2006 when he was forced

to sell due to bankruptcy. He reluctantly had to give up a life of luxury in the sixbedroom Surrey Hills home which features an indoor swimming pool, a gym, home cinema, helipad and a twobedroom cottage.

The estate is for sale for £3.5m via Strutt & Parker (0203642 4591).



asy listening pop music might have fewer fans these days than it used to, but there was a time when the charts were awash with artists such as The Carpenters, Andy Williams and Engelbert Humperdinck.

But let's not forget Roger Whittaker who, since his first successes during the 1960s and into the 1970s, has sold millions of records.

His hits included The Wind Beneath My Wings and Durham Town (The Leavin') but his biggest was The Last Farewell which was covered by Elvis - and reached No.1 in 11 countries.

He was a regular on the BBC's Top of the Pops, had his own TV show at one point and was famous for his



baritone singing voice and whistling, all of which helped him sell over 60 million records worldwide.

He last toured during the early Noughties and now, aged 81, lives in the South of France with his wife.

During his heyday, the couple lived in this quirky but luxurious thatched house near the town of Saffron Walden in Essex. The Grade II listed property has six bedrooms, two reception rooms, an indoor heated pool and gym, tennis court, stables, paddocks and a three-bedroom cottage. Roger's former home

is for sale at £2.25m. More information from Fine & Country (01279 757500).

### A GRAND PLACE TO CALL HOME

Just over a year ago Channel 4's Grand Designs TV show featured one of its most challenging builds, a partially cob-constructed home and cookery school built by food writer Mark Diacono and his wife Candida.

Otter Farm, which includes two buildings with hyperbolic roofs inspired by the shape of a plough, houses the couple's home as well as a winery, farm shop and cookery school. Both structures feature wall insulation made from old newspapers, are heated by thermodynamic panels, have mud or cob walls and a garden which supplies much of the food for the house.



Their home is timber-framed and clad in larch and both properties have grass roofs.

Perhaps the most extraordinary aspect of the build, however, was that they set out to complete the project despite knowing they didn't have enough money to finish it.

Consequently, one of the more

Consequently, one of the more gobsmacking parts of the programme was when the couple started an online crowdfunding campaign and raised an extra £60,000 to finish the property, which was extracted to got £750,000.

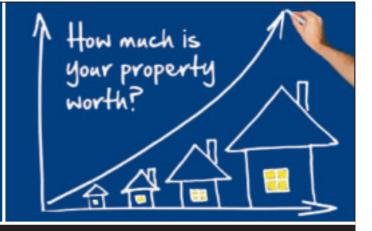
which was estimated to cost £560,000. But they have decided to move on. The stunning property is now for sale and comes with nearly 16 acres of land including a river meadow and fishing rights on the adjoining Otter river. The home has two reception rooms and a study downstairs and four bedrooms upstairs. The second building includes a huge studio-style open space.

It's near Honiton in Devon and is for sale for around £1.6m. Exact price on application from Stags, 01404 45885.

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# YOUR GARDEN With Diarmuid Gavin



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### Don't sit back and wait for the spring bulbs... plant right and January has its own delights

ne of the delights of gardening in Britain is that when winter weather allows there's always something to entice you outside. When the trees are stripped of their leaves, when bulbs are still hiding, when our herbaceous perennials don't dare to peep their heads from under their compost and soil blankets, the plants that are

in otherwise dormant plots.

And the rewards for searching for these jewels are immense. In cold weather and against a backdrop of icy clear skies, scent and colour are enhanced, leading us to appreciate the gift that gardening brings to our temperate havens.

performing shine like precious jewels

With plots getting smaller, the most sensible style of gardening to have is a mixed one with something happening all year round.



So don't let your interest jump from autumnal leaf colour to spring bulbs - the winter gems can be a rare delight.

There are some special plants you should consider for your plot. The witch hazels (Hamamelis) cast a magic spell. They flower on bare wood so they are not fighting with foliage for attention. And what flowers! Delicate paper fronds in bright yellows ('Pallida'), coppery oranges ('Jelena') and reds ('Diane')

which offer up a spicy smell. They prefer neutral to acidic soil

They prefer neutral to acidic soil but generally do well if the ground is humus rich and well drained. They won't thrive on a shallow chalky soil and will do much better if sheltered from cold harsh winds.

Wintersweet, or Chimonanthus praecox, is another treasure to be found at this time of year. Its pale yellow waxy flowers on bare stems emit a delicious scent. It's best grown against a warm south-facing wall.

Daphnes are classic winter beauties, 'Jacqueline Postill' being a star performer. This needs to be planted near a path where you can get up close to drink in the intensely fragrant flowers which are purplepink outside and white within.

For an easy to grow fragrance, try Viburnum farreri which never disappoints.

Flowers of white tinged with pink have an exquisite bouquet, again produced on bare stems.

If there's a space for a small tree, Azara microphylla emits a gorgeous vanilla scent from tiny greenish yellow flowers in late winter and early spring. It's a small evergreen shrub or tree with small dark green leaves which will tolerate some shade.

More space is required for the mimosa tree, Acacia dealbata. It has beautiful silvery fern-like foliage that florists like for their arrangements and is covered in yellow pom-pom flowers in January which give off the most delicious fragrance.

However, it can be a bit tender, especially when young, although it hardens with age. It may only be suitable for the south and west of the country, or a conservatory.



It's not just scent though – when foliage drops, it can reveal hitherto hidden beauty. Dogwood shrubs really come into

Dogwood shrubs really come into their own in winter – fully clothed they are unremarkable but when their bare stems are revealed, you can appreciate the vivid colour of their stems. Cornus alba 'Sibirica' is the bright red one, Cornus flaviramea has yellow green stems.





#### JOBS FOR THE WEEK

- It's not too late to protect plants from cold weather. Make sure any tender species are either indoors in the conservatory or greenhouse, or wrapped up outside with some hessian or horticultural fleece.
- If you're feeling energetic, you could do a bit of
- pruning. Wisteria, which has thrown out long whippy stems, can be clipped back to about two or three buds.
- Order seed potatoes and start chitting them - pop them eyes up in an egg box near some light.
- It's a good idea to check on dahlia and begonia
- tubers that you are overwintering. Remove anything that looks rotten as that can spread to the others.
- Summer may seem a long way off but you could start sweet peas from seed now. If you sowed them in autumn, you've had a head start and could be potting them on now.
- You can also be planning your hanging baskets ordering seeds and plug plants. It's always great to dream about colour in the dull days of January.
- Make sure your peaches and nectarines are protected with a cover



HSH-E01-S2 Star, Thursday, January 18, 2018



# A garden where cold is best

To see winter gardening done by the experts, take a trip to the Winter Garden at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens in Romsey, Hampshire.

Developed over many years by Sir Harold, a renowned plantsman, it is now managed as a charity by Hampshire County Council and includes plants from its founder's trips to Korea, Japan, New Zealand, Australia and the US.

Within its 180 acres, four acres are

devoted to the Winter Garden and here you will find 650 shrubs chosen for their winter effect.

These include scented plants such as daphne and witch hazel, shrubs and trees with interesting bark such as Acer griseum, birches, Rubus cockburnianus and species of dogwood, underplanted with bergenias and cyclamen.

For details see hilliergardens.org.uk, or call 01794 369 318.

#### ASK DIARMUID

I have bought dwarf lupins and at the moment they are under a small polytunnel. Do I keep them there and do I need to feed them?

**GW Dutton** 

A Lupins are very hardy so you don't need to keep them in a polytunnel. They don't like sitting in wet soil, however, so bear this in mind when planting them - add some grit if necessarv.

Lupins are nitrogen fixers, which means they can convert nitrogen from the atmosphere into nitrates in the soil, via bacteria on their roots. This ability allows them to thrive on poor soil, so don't worry too much about feeding them.



#### PLANT OF THE WEEK

#### **SUNBELIEVABLE**

Let's get 2018 off to a colourful note with this new introduction from Thompson and Morgan.

The result of eight years' work from their breeding team, this sunflower can be used as a bedding or container plant and will bloom continuously from June until November.

It's very floriferous, producing a 1,000 blooms per plant and its

compact shape will suit the front of a border. With all those blooms, you'll get a couple of vases of cut flowers as well every month.

'Sunbelievable' is available exclusively from thompson-morgan.com for delivery from April. The price is £14.99 for a 9cm potted plant or £19.99 for two (saving £9.99).





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#### REGENCY COURT, HARLOW

- Lounge/Diner
   Communal Garden
   Chain Free
   Ground Floor
   Apartment

- Apartment
  Residents Parking
  EPC Rating: D

£149,995



#### HOLLYFIELD, HARLOW

- Lounge/DinerChain FreeClose To AmenitiesFirst Floor
- FIRST FLOORApartmentPopular LocationEPC Rating: C

£159,995



#### SPENCERS CROFT, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms

- Balcony
  Lounge/Diner
  First Floor
  Flat
  Chain Free
  Popular Area
  EPC Rating: C

£174,995



#### FELMONGERS, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
  First Floor
  Popular Location
  Balcony
  Large Apartment
  Lounge/Diner
  Chain Free
  EPC Rating: C

£184,995



#### THE CHASE, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
  Decked Courtyard
  Open Plan
  Chain Free
  Apartment
  Ground Floor
  Allocated Parking
  EPC Rating: TBC

£192.500



#### CANOPY LANE, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
  Allocated Parking
  Modern Fitted Kitchen
  Chain Free
  Second Floor Apartment
  Popular Location
  Intercom Entry System
  EPC Rating: C

£214,995



#### **BROMLEY CLOSE, HARLOW**

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Close To Amenities
   Allocated Parking
- Chain Free
- Ground Floor Apartment
  Lounge/Diner
  Ensuite To Master
  EPC Rating: C

£214,995



#### **BLACKBUSH SPRING, HARLOW**

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
   Large Rear Garden
   Popular Location
   End Terrace
   Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Westerly Garden
   EPC Rating: TBC

£259,995



#### **FENNELLS, HARLOW**

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/DinerCloakroom/WC
- Chain Free

Terraced House
 Popular Location
 Outskirts Of Town
 EPC Rating: D

£264,995



#### **GREEN HILLS, HARLOW**

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
   Popular Location
   CHAIN FREE
- Terraced Home
- Conservatory
   Enclosed Garden
   EPC Rating: D

£264,995



#### LONG LEY, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
   Popular Location
   CHAIN FREE
   Terraced Home
- Modern Kitchen
   Private Garden
   EPC Rating: E

£264,995



#### SPRUCE HILL, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented
   Lounge/Diner
   Ground Floor WC
   Middle Terrace
- Popular Location
   Fitted Wardrobes
   EPC Rating:TBC

£279,995



#### PEACOCKS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
  Two Receptions
  Modern Kitchen
  Allocated Parking
  End Of Terrace
  Popular Location
  Close To Amenities
  EPC Rating: D

£279,995



#### ABBEYDALE CLOSE, **CHURCH LANGLEY**

- Two Bedrooms
  Modern Kitchen
  Lounge/Diner
  Allocated Parking
  Ferraced House
  Westerly Garden
  Popular Location
  EPC Rating: C

£284,995



#### MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
  Lounge/Diner
  Cloakroom/W.C
  Garage To Rear
  Terraced Home
  Croudace Build
  Southerly Garder
  EPC Rating: C

£294,995



#### WILLOWFIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
  Conservatory
  Lounge/Diner
  Chain Free
  End Terrace Bungalow
  Southerly Garden
  Popular Location
  EPC Rating: C

£299.995



#### FAIRFIELD ROAD, HODDESDON

- One/Two Bedroom
  Driveway
  Popular Location
  Chain Free
  Semi Detached Bungalow
  Westerly Garden
  Well Presented
  EPC Rating: E

£299.995



#### **GLAN AVON MEWS, HARLOW**

- Three Bedrooms
  Allocated Parking
  Modern Kitchen/Diner
  Well Presented
  End Terrace Home
  Quiet Cul-De-Sac
  Ground Floor WC
  EPC Rating: TBC

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#### ALBERT GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Nitchen/Diner
  Cloakroom W.C
  Double Driveway
  Semi Detached
  Conservatory

- Popular Location
   EPC Rating: D

£339,995



#### LATTON GREEN, HARLOW

- Trive Bedions
   Driveway
   Two Receptions
   Chain Free
   Semi Detached
   Popular Location
   Potential To Extend (STPP)
   EPC Rating: TBC

£339,995



#### PRIORY COURT, HARLOW

- Recently Redecorated
- Overlooking Latton Common
   Town House
   Ensuite To Master
   Strate Clase
- Private CloseEPC Rating: TBC

£339,995



#### SPARROWHAWK WAY, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
  Well Presented
  Overlooking New School
  NHBC Warranty
  Link Detached
  Kitchen/Diner
  Driveway

- DrivewayEPC Rating: TBC

£349,995



#### PADDOCK MEAD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
  Garage & Driveway
  Cul-De-Sac Location
  Chain Free
  Semi Detached
  Popular Location
  Conservatory
  EPC Rating: C

£349,995



#### **REDWING WAY, HARLOW**

- Two Double Bedrooms
  Open Plan
  Driveway
  NHBC Warranty Remaining
  Semi Detached
  Quiet Cul-De-Sac
  Immaculate Throughout
  EPC Rating: B

£349,995



#### **PYENEST ROAD, HARLOW**

- Three bedrooms
- DrivewayUn-Overlooked Garden
- Popular Location
  Semi Detached
  Two Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor WC
   EPC Rating: TBC

£369,995



#### **CHALLINOR, CHURCH** LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two ReceptionsPrivate Rear Garden
- Garage & Drive
   Detached House
   Immaculate Home
- En-Suite & W.C
   EPC Rating: D

£384,995



#### MOSS LANE, NEWHALL

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
  Sun Terrace
- Driveway
- Link Detached Two Reception
- Ground Floor WC
   EPC Rating: B

£399,995



#### ALBERT GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
  Well Presented
  Chain Free
  Detached Home
- Two Reception Rooms
   Conservatory
   EPC Rating: TBC

£449,995



#### HILLY FIELD, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
   Garage & Driveway
   Chain Free
   Detached House

- Premium Location
  South Facing Garden
  EPC Rating: TBC

£499,995



#### **RUNDELLS, HARLOW**

- Five Bedrooms
- Five Beditorns
   Extended Property
   Kitchen/Breakfast Room
   Garage & Driveway
   Semil Detached
   Large Corner Plot Garden
   Rarely Available
   EPC Rating: TBC

£499,995



#### CHELSEA GARDENS. **CHURCH LANGLEY**

- Six Bedrooms
  Two Receptions
  En-Suite Shower
  Garage & Drive
  Utility & W.C
  Riptide Swim Spa
  EPC Rating: TBC

£549.995



#### CHELSEA GARDENS. HARLOW

- Five Bedrooms
  Two Reception Rooms
  Southerly Garden
  Tandem Garage & Driveway
  Detached Home
  Quiet Cul-De-Sac
  WC & Utility Room
  EPC Rating: TBC

£559,995



#### THURSTANS, HARLOW

- Four/Three Bedrooms
   Three Receptions
   Premium Location
   Detached Double Garage
   Detached Home
   Stunning Orangery
   Large Garden Plot
   EPC Rating: D

£599,995



#### LITTLE CATTINS, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- One Bedroom
  Lounge/Diner
  Fitted Kitchen
  Juliette Balcony
  Apartment
  Top Floor (2nd)
  CHAIN FREE
  EPC Rating: C

**SOLD STC** MORE NEEDED

#### WATERHOUSE MOOR, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Ihree Bedrooms
   Lounge/Diner
   Conservatory
   Double Driveway
   Terraced House
   Popular Location
   Chain Free
   EPC Rating: D

£299.995



### **RUNDELLS, HARLOW**

- Four Bedrooms
   Garage & Driveway
   Extended
   Chain Free
   Semi Detached
   Desirable Location
   Three Receptions
   EPC Rating: TBC

£349.995

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#### **COALPORT CLOSE**

- Two Bedroom Home
- Allocated Parking Space
- Stamp Duty Free for First Time Buyers
- Lounge Diner 14'3 x 13'1



#### PEACOCKS Offers over £278,950

- Three Bedroom Family Home
   End of Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Open Plan Lounge Diner
- Garage En Bloc
   No Onward Chain



OIEO £270,000

- Hitted Kitchen
   Modern Family Shower Room
   Gas Radiator Central Heating
   Potter Street Location



• Fitted Kitchen 6'11 x 9'8

• Bedroom One 11'2 x 13'0



#### £155,000

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
  Large Kitchen & Lounge Diner
  Modern Fitted Bathroom

- No Onward Chain
  Gas Central Heating
  Outskirts of Harlow
  Walking Distance to Sh



OIEO £195,995

- Two Bedroom Maisonette

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Fitted Kitchen and
- Bathroom



OIEO £280,000

- Offered with No
  - Onward Chain



#### POTTER STREET

- No Onward Chain
- Rarely Available
- Two Good Size Bedrooms
- Lounge 12'1 x 18'3



CHAPELFIELDS Offers over £280,000

- Three Bedroom Home
  Mid Terrace
  Potter Street Location
  Gas Central Heating
  Double Glazing
  Open Plan Kitchen Diner
  Lounge
- £280,000

• Kitchen 8'7 x 5'11

- Three Bedroom Family Home
  Mild Terrace
  Double Glazing
  Gas Central Heating
  Close to Amenities
  Good Size Rear Garden
  No Onward Chain



#### **FELMONGERS**

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- No Onward Chain Kitchen 8'1 x 13'7
- Lounge 10'5 x 21'5

- £275,000
- Rear Garden Approx 40ft • Fitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Close to Schools & Amenities



• End of Terrace

 Popular Location Gas Central Heating

• Three Double Bedrooms

- Chain Free
  Three Bedrooms
  In Need of Moderni
  Lounge 15'11 x 11'8
  Kitchen 15'11 x 9'3
- Two Double Bedrooms
   Downstairs Cloakroom

- Three Bedroom Town House
   Own Drive





#### £290.000

- Own Drive
   Close to Schools & Amenities
   Good Size Garden
   Downstairs Cloakroom
   Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge & Dining Area



#### SPINNING WHEEL MEAD

£284,995 Lounge Diner

- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- Utility/Storeroom Close to Amenities L-Shaped Kitchen

• Three Bedrooms

- Gas Central Heating
- Newly Fitted Windows

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#### HIGH STREET

- Period Cottage
- Modernised Throughout
- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Ground Floor Area



#### PEACOCKS Offers in excess of £284,995

- Three Bedroom Family Home
  Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
  Gas Central Heating
  Allocated Parking Space
  Outskirts of Harlow
  Open Plan Lounge Diner
  Double Glazing



• Real Oak Floors & Doors

Fitted Wooden Kitchen

Parking Space to Front

Courtyard Style Garden

- Close to Harlow Common
  Unoverlooked Garden
  Good Size Lounge Diner
  Close to Schools & Shops
  Lounge Diner 16'6 x 9'11
  Bathroom & Separate WC



£290,000

£323,000

- Mid Terrace
  Large Lounge Diner
  Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
  Good Sized Bedrooms
  Close to Local Amenities & Schools
  Double Glazing





- Four Bedroom Family Home Corner Plot

- Corner Mor
   Large Lounge
   Kitchen Diner
   Utility Room & Downstairs Cloakroom
   Modern Fitted Bathroom
   Viewing Recommended



#### £285,000

- Extended Family Home
   Three Bedrooms
   Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Filled Nicola
   Family Bathroom
   Gas Central Heating
   Double Glazing
   No Onward Chain

£330,000

- High Specification Throughout Dressina Room

- Two Further Dorma Rooms



**EAST PARK** 

- Popular Sought After Location of Old Harlow
- Lounge 10'5 x 23'9
- Dining Room 10'1 x 9'7
- Modern Kitchen 17'3 x 8'11
- Garage
- Close to Old Harlow High Street · Walking Distance of Train Station
- Close to Local Schools



#### OLD HARLOW Asking price £700,000

- Four Bedroom
   Detached
   Kitchen & Dining
  - Double Garaaina
- - - Underfloor heating

£395,000



#### **HIGH HOUSE ESTATES**

- Extended Family Home Three/Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Separate Dining Area
- Conservatory 21'10 x 9'5
- £550,000
- Excellent Condition Throughout • Kitchen & Utility Area
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Garage



- Three Bedroom End of Terrace Home
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing



- Three/Four bedroom Property
  Potential for loft conversion (subject to planning

- Spacious Lounge/dining area
   Family friendly rear garden
   Two annexes in garden area offering both living ac



OIEO £450.000

- Well Presented
- Parking for five vehiclesDouble Glazing & GCH



SPARROWHAWK WAY

Two Double Bedrooms

Driveway to Front

En-Suite to Master Bedroom

- Sun Terrace
- Modern Kitchen Breakfast Room

£349,995

- Lounge 13'7 x 11'4
- Downstairs Cloakroom



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#### NEWMANS END

- 5 Rodrooms
- En-suite to Master
- Semi Rural Location
- \*Admin Fees Apply
- EPC Ratina D
- Must Be Viewed
- Beautiful Views
- Parking

First Floor

Gas Central Heating

• \* Admin Fees Apply

• EPC Ratina D

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- Available End Jan



- Oven Only
- Shower Only
- Garden
- \* Admin Fees Apply





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#### EACOCKS £1,100 PCM

- Three Bed House
- Modern Property
- Must Be Viewed
- EPC Rating D
- \* Admin Foos Apply
- Oven Only
- AGREED Available New



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  CLOAK ROOM

- LARGE PLOTUPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWSGAS HEATING
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



#### **CLOVERFIELD, HARLOW**

- TWO BED MAISONETTEGROUND FLOORLONG LEASE

- MODERNISED THROUGHOUT
- £229,950
- PRIVATE GARDEN
  NO SERVICE CHARGES
  GAS HEATING
  UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS



- TWO BED SEMI GARAGE & DRIVEWAY SOUTH FACING GARDEN SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION

- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
   GAS HEATING
   VIEWINGS RECOMMENDED
   INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



#### **ELM COURT, HARLOW**

- TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT

  SECOND FLOOR
  PRIVATE PARKING
  CURRENTLY LET

- IDEAL INVESTMENT
   GAS HEATING
   VIEWINGS RECOMMENDED
   INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



#### **CHAPEL FIELDS, HARLOW**

- TWO BED SEMI
  CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
  MODERNISED THROUGHOUT
  NO ONWARD CHAIN

- GAS HEATING
   UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
   VIEWINGS RECOMMENDED
   INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



- ONE BED GROUND FLOOR FLAT
  PRIVATE LOCATION
  ALLOCATED PARKING
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

- LONG LEASE
   UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
   GAS HEATING
   INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE

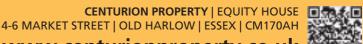
















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 Secluded Private Rear Garden
 E.P.C. Rating: D

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**Doulton Close** 

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Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
Situated In Cul-De-Sac Location
En-suite To Master Bedroom

Garage
Driveway For One Vehicle
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Bunting Street, A Two Bedroom Linked- Detached House
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Downstairs WC

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**Denby Grange** 

• Four Bedroom Semi Detached House

CHAIN FREE

• Three Double Bedrooms

• En-suite to Master Bedroom

• Driveway For Two Vehicles

£380,000 • EPC Rating: C







**Malkin Drive** 

 A Four Bedroom End Of Terrace Townhouse

• Downstairs W/C & First Floor Bathroom

• En-suite To The Master Bedroom

• Overlooking Playing Fields

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Pittmans Field

Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
Cul De Sac Location
Easy Reach of Schools & Local Amenities
Fitted Kitchen
Landscaped Garden To Rear Aspect
EPC Rating: Awaiting £290,000







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Three Bedroom Terraced House

• Chain Free

• Well Presented In Our Opinion

• Lounge/Diner

• Approx. 40ft Rear Garden

Awaiting EPC

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- Next to Princess Alexandra Hospital
- EPC Rating D £1,200



### Gladwin Way

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- EPC Rating C
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£950

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- Two Bedrooms
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- Popular Location
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- Two Bedrooms
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- Separate Dinina Room • EPC Rating; D



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- Conservatory
- Mid Terrace Property
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- Three Bedrooms
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   Conservatory
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- Chain Free EPC Rating: TBC



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- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Two Bathrooms

- EPC Ratina: C



£395.000

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- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan
   Off Street Parking
- Mid Terrace
- EPC Ratina: D



£400.000

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- Three Bedrooms
- Sun Terrace
- Under Floor Heating
- Parking
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# HOME ADVICE With Alex Neill of Which?

UP, UP AND AWAY

t's a far from happy start to the year for home owners as household bills soar way beyond most people's wage packet growth.

whether renting or buying a property, you can expect to pay more for your home this coming year. And that's on top of big increases last year.

Already stretched households across the UK paid 13 per cent more last year than in 2016 for must-haves – in addition to rising prices for food and other necessary items.

The typical energy bill rose 17 per cent £1,625 last year, according to comparison site Compare The Market as gas and electricity costs shot up despite promises to help moderate costs. These bills have increased unevenly with consumers in Wales the hardest hit – their energy typically cost £458 more last year.

A substantial part of car insurance is postcode related so motor cover is another household bill. Last year, the typical bill rose £43 - not as bad as the £100 increase in 2016 - but there are no signs of rates falling.

The increase from 9.5 to 12 per cent in insurance premium tax is one reason but insurers also blame higher repair costs on more complicated cars and bigger injury bills.

If you travel by train, you will have seen fares rise this month by an average 3.4 per cent, typically adding up to an increase of nearly a third since 2010, although some journey prices have increased more. Meanwhile parking fees at stations – unregulated – have jumped by up to nine per cent.

The first interest rate rise in 10 years, last November, has already impacted home buyers on variable

rate loans. And, as fixed rate deals expire, borrowers can expect new mortgages to be more expensive. Some landlords will use these increases as a reason to charge tenants more. Many economists forecast interest rates will rise

Is there anything we can do to ease the pain of price rises?

again this coming year.
There are some brighter
spots though. Insuring your
buildings and contents stayed
almost unchanged over the year
while home phone and broadband
costs actually fell for some
households.







#### SIMPLE CHECKS THAT COULD SAVE YOU CASH

- You can't rely on companies to come up with lower costs even when they have cheaper deals available. You have to do this yourself.
- Use that new calendar or diary to ring dates when you phone and other contracts expire or when annual insurances are up for renewal.

  Companies often manage to "find" better deals if you challenge them and threaten to go elsewhere a couple of weeks ahead. Many would rather accept less than lose a customer.
- Energy companies do best from the millions of consumers who are on the standard variable tariff. They do least well from in the know customers who are prepared to shop around. You can
- find lots of free help on comparison sites including Which? Switch (phone 0800 410 1149 or 01259 220 235). You can also reduce bills with better insulation and not leaving the heating on when everyone is out for the day.
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Aynsley Gardens, Church Langley

£179,999



£195,000

£249,995



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**Another One Sold** 

Church End **EPC TBC** 

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The Downs is located within walking

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The Downs £200.000

distance to the town centre, college and local amenities. The property is situated on the top floor and benefits from having 2 external storage sheds as well as a communal garden. Internally the flat is well presented and would suit a first time buyer. Internal viewing is highly advised. Ref 14060

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£265,000

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f325.000 - f350.000

FPC C

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• Well Presented

Close To Station

Private Road

- Five Bedrooms
- Detached
- Garage

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Davenport, Church Langley

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**Guide Price** £250,000 - £265,000 **Fantastic Family Home EPC TBC** Joyners Field

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Are You Looking To Downsize? £220,000 **Priory Court** EPC D

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**Guide Price** 

£250,000 - £260,000 Meyrick Mead Live Life At The Top

Live Life At The Top Located within the popular area of Potter Street is this two bedroom top floor flat benefitting from a balcony and allocated parking space. The property is stunning throughout and ready

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**Family Home** 

Tavlifers

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EPC D Buy To Let Opportunity Located in a cul-de-sac turning in the Staple Tye area of Harlow is this three bedroom terraced family home with two reception rooms. Call haart today to book your viewing. Ref 14103 Viewing Highly Advised



**Modern Living** Torkildsen Way

£750,000

£240,000

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**Spacious Family Home** 

Barrells Down Road

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- Detached
- Three Bathrooms
- Fitted Kitchen-Diner

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# With Bake Off finalist and builder Richard Burr

ouses get damaged - it's a fact of life - but damage to walls always seems to stump people. You can get holes in your plasterwork for many reasons: maybe the plaster is old and wearing out or has been damaged, maybe some drywall (plasterboard) has been bashed, or even - and this is more common than you'd think someone's put their foot through the ceiling while trampling around in the

Here are my top tips for patching holes...

#### WHAT YOU NEED FOR PLASTERING

- A pencil (when do you ever NOT need one?)
- 2. A spirit level
- 3. A stud detector (if you're repairing a stud wall)
- 4. A drywall saw (or pad saw)
- 5. A tape measure
- 6. A stiff brush (a dustpan brush is fine) 7. A soft brush - anything bigger than a 2" brush is fine
- 8. 25x50mm wood enough to frame your hole if you're repairing drywall
- 9. 40mm drywall screws
  10. A roll of scrim (coarse fabric, for if you're repairing a solid wall)
- 11. Some primer, or PVA 12. A plasterer's trowel 13. Some repair plaster
- 14. Sheets of fine sandpaper, 80-100 grit

# WHAT TYPE OF WALL ARE YOU REPAIRING? This advice covers

two types of wall.

Drywalling (or plasterboard) goes onto studding. So stud walls are the hollow kind, usually made up of a frame of wood covered in sheets of plasterboard or in plastered laths (thin strips of wood nailed to the studding). Holes in these are usually pretty easy to fill, but you'll need to fix some new plasterboard into the hole before you can make it

good.
Solid walls are walls that are... solid!
Usually, they're made of brick or
block, plastered over with a bonding
plaster (or a stuck sheet of
plasterboard) and topped with a

finishing plaster. These walls are unlikely to need any framing or plasterboard fitting, but will need more than one layer of plaster to repair.

#### **HOW TO FIX A DAMAGED STUD WALL**

Before we start filling and smoothing out our surface, we need to fix the hole. For stud walls, this means more cutting. Using a spirit level, mark horizontal and vertical lines on your wall to make a rectangle that closely fits the shape of the damaged area. Then, using a stud detector, check that you have no studs, pipes or wires in that area and cut out the rectangle using a drywall saw.

Put a sheet down when sawing, as this can be a dusty job.

Once you have cut out the rectangle, you can use a tape measure to check the depth of plasterboard needed to go back in – usually this will be either 9.5mm or 12.5mm for plasterboard studding, but you can double-up the thickness of boards to fill in lath and plaster studding. Cut your plasterboard to the size of the hole (minus 2mm around each edge for wriggling in) and set this aside.

With your neat rectangular hole in front of you, you need to create a wooden frame within the hole to attach the replacement

25x50mm wood, cut four pieces to attach to the inside of the hole. With the 50mm-wide wood, 25mm should be visible and the other 25mm should be screwed to the existing plasterboard inside of the hole. Hold the wood in place as you screw into the wall and be careful not to screw into your hand! Once

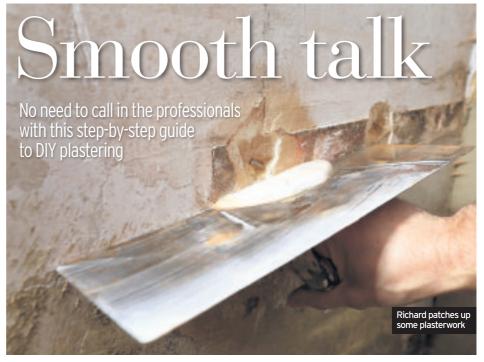
plasterboard to. Using your

the four pieces surround the inside of the hole, you can screw your replacement rectangle of plasterboard into the hole onto this wood.

Tape a layer of plasterer's scrim over the edges of your hole. This prevents cracks forming in the plaster when it dries. You are now ready for finishing.

#### HOW TO FIX DAMAGED SOLID WALLS

For solid walls, you'll need to crack out your plasterer's trowel and a brush. Also, make sure you are sheeted-up well, this can get messy...



To start, you'll need to remove all the loose plaster – use a stiff brush for this. Next you are going to need to make up some primer. You can either buy this or make it with PVA glue in a ratio of 5:1 (water to PVA). This solution will stop the dry surface of your damaged wall from sucking all the water out of your repair plaster, and allow it to dry well and stick to the wall. Paint it liberally onto the damaged area, so it soaks in, and clean your brush immediately afterwards or it will be ruined.

For damage more than 5mm deep, you will need some repair plaster. This comes premixed, which is by far the cleaner option compared to knocking up plaster from dry.

Scoop it out using your plastering trowel and press into the damaged area, scraping the trowel from the middle of the hole to the outside edge. Spread more plaster into the hole until it is filled and smooth to 3mm shy of the finished surface. Work this out by laying a spirit level, or straight

piece of wood over the hole so it touches the undamaged edges and checking whether your plaster is touching the straight surface.

Use your trowel to scrape any plaster residue from the undamaged surface of the wall and leave for about an hour to firm up. Clean your trowel and put the lid back on the plaster to stop crusty, half-dried plaster from ruining the final stage.

#### FINISHING THE REPAIR

Whether you have just plastered a hole or put scrim on your plasterboard patch, you are now ready to finish your repair. You can use the same repair plaster mentioned above, but you are now going to feather it away on the wall – spreading it out to nothing. First you'll need to strip away any loose wallpaper around the hole.

Using a soft brush, clean away any dust and grit around your repair. This is important, as a few specks of grit in your finish plaster will drag across your work and ruin the finish.

Wet the surface with a little primer. Scoop a small amount of plaster out of your tub and spread onto the surface, going from the middle of the damage to the outside edge. You will need to spread this beyond the patch and onto the surrounding wall very thinly, so the joint disappears.

Don't worry, with a little patience and perseverance you can do this, and you can always sand-off any ugly ridges in the plaster once it has fully dried. If the plaster begins to drag or dry up on the edges of your repair, you can use a wet brush to keep these thin areas of plaster damp enough to work with

Once you're happy with the finish, clean up. Leave your sheet down on the floor until the following day if you can, so you can lightly rub the surface with sandpaper and get rid of any imperfections. You have now patched some plaster – but keep quiet about it, or you'll get the job when your mates' rental contracts are coming up and they need their deposits back...



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# With Lesley Taylor



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# This season's new trends put flooring firmly in the spotlight

lanining to revamp your home décor? A lick of paint, a massive de-clutter and the addition of some on-trend accessories are typically the go-tos for an instant style update.

However, one area largely

And it's easy to see why. Replacing the flooring can be expensive as well as a mammoth job that usually involves relocating every item of furniture.

However, it's a move that can pay dividends. So if you're seriously considering giving your home a new look, why not start from the bottom up? Here's my guide to the biggest flooring trends of 2018.

#### ON-TREND FLOORING TIPS

- Do your homework.
   Most flooring changes are expensive so make sure you know exactly what you want before you buy.
   Measure, measure and
- 2. Measure, measure and measure. Triple check measurements before
- ordering.
  3. Consult an expert. As we've established, flooring can be expensive so don't install it yourself unless you know what you're doing.
- 4. Use your home's existing décor to help your decision. 5. Rugs and runners are fantastic for small injections of style.



# FLOOR SHOW

#### 50 SHADES OF GREY

The grey palette is one of the big interior success stories of recent years, and our passion for the hue shows little sign of abating.

So it's no surprise then that flooring is getting in on the act too.

Grey floors are amazingly versatile, complementing both contemporary and traditional interiors and everything in between.

They also offer a neutral backdrop around which the rest of the scheme can be designed.

When it comes to materials, if you prefer a softer finish, a grey carpet is the way forward; or, if you like easy-to-maintain tiles, there are plenty of wood-effect, stone-effect and patterned collections to ensure your new floor packs a punch.

#### BACK TO BASICS

Taking its lead from primary schools up and down the country, the classic parquet flooring is back. It's a timeless look, and this year it will break out from the confines of period properties and into modern homes.

Short-plank parquet will be huge, especially in areas with high traffic such as hallways and landings. But don't be afraid of using it in living areas either. If you're unsure about the



formality of parquet, use the more relaxed herringbone – these longer length planks look stunning.

#### **RUG-GED GOOD LOOKS**

One of the huge décor trends for 2018 is geometrics.

If you want to embrace this scheme wholeheartedly, there are some amazing geometric floor tiles - everything from the classic checkerboard to intricate Victorianinspired patterns, which will, quite literally, cement the look.

However, if you're not feeling bold enough to brave a big change, invest in a beautiful geometric-inspired rug. Not only will it bring your home up to date, it will protect the floor

underneath from any unsightly spills.
Just remember to buy some grips to
ensure it doesn't present a trip
hazard.

#### PANEL SHOW

Wooden flooring will be given a modern makeover for the new year. Gone are uniform planks, instead, expect to find wooden flooring featuring panels of varying widths and lengths.

It gives the floor a unique, bespoke finish but will take longer to install so be prepared for a prolonged commitment and more upheaval. The finished result will no doubt be worth

#### MATERIAL MATTERS

If you thought flooring was a choice solely between carpet, tiles and wood, you'd be wrong. We are starting to see the emergence of new materials, especially as we become more ecoconscious.

And top of the trends is cork. It's relatively simple to install and maintain, and looks fabulous in contemporary settings. Unsure? Try it in an office or spare room to get a feel for it before taking it through the whole house.

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# WHEELS

TEST DRIVE: BMW X3 xDrive 2.0dM Sport review by David Ward



ince BMW first introduced their X3 mid-sized Sports Utility Vehicle back in 2003 the sector has grown enormously with many new rivals arriving on the scene so it was obvious to the Bavarians they needed to up their game to stay ahead of the chasing pack.

To their credit they clearly appeared to have done so with this latest batch of diesel and petrol powered X3s with its comprehensive update that includes a new platform, better looking body styling, more high tech on-board features and an improved driving experience.

From the outside most drivers at a glance

From the outside most drivers at a glance will think it looks much the same as its immediate predecessor but there are subtle changes although it's inside and underneath where the majority of the homework has been carried out.

There are three trim levels – starting with the SE, then the xLine and finally the M Sport (as tested here) – with prices from a competitive £37,890 on-the-road all with BMW's now familiar xDrive giving permanent four-wheel-drive across the range.

This latest third generation X3 body is slightly longer (51mm), wider (10mm) and BMW say overall 55kg lighter but crucially it uses the underpinning from the latest 5 Series which is clearly a good omen.

Series which is clearly a good omen. At the front there's a wider light cluster, longer kidney-shaped grille and overall more sloping glass on the body which in essence gives the car a more muscular look about it this time around.

Jump inside and that's where most of the changes are more noticeable with far more generous levels of quality finish with wood and alloy trims, nicer leather and more decent soft plastic finish in the lower parts of the cabin.

Another major improvement is that there's now more interior space, particularly for rear seat passengers, and the actual seats front and rear have excellent all-round lumbar support making it about the most comfortable and spacious cabin in its class.

For the driver behind the wheel of the 2.0d xDrive M Sport tested here the two main bonus points are the eight-speed automatic gearbox and the on-windscreen head-up display which not only gives you an instant speed readout but also warns if you stray too close to the car in front.

The gearbox, which effectively replaces the old six-speed auto box, is a joy to use whether the driver leaves in normal auto mode or changes it into manual and uses the paddle shifts on the steering wheel to move up or down the gears.

Either way the gear movements are highly impressive, extremely quick, slick and without any stuttering in gear changing movements and by far the most impressive all round over any rivals in this department.

The M Sport tested (priced at £41,380

OTR) was powered by BMW's standard twolitre, four cylinder 190bhp turbo diesel engine – there is a bigger three-litre 265bhp turbo diesel on offer – while for drivers who prefer petrol there's the standard two-litre 184bhp or the range-topping M40i with its three litre, six cylinder 360bhp unit.

The M Sport has a few extras on board over the SE or XLine models but across the whole range BMW's backroom team there are improved semi autonomous driving aids and functions and with the now highly regarded xDrive system too it makes driving such a big car so easy and relaxing.

The panoramic roof (now 25cm longer)

The panoramic roof (now 25cm longer) also makes for a more airy feel particularly for rear seats passengers and overall this new X3 is far more comfortable to both drive and ride, particularly on long distance cruising as encountered on test.

Fuel consumption is also improved and on test the X3 returned and average of 46.5mpg in comfort mode, which is decently near the official 54.3mpg combined figure, and it only dropped to around the 41mpg mark when driven for a time in sport mode and in a more spirited fashion.

With the wintry weather conditions encountered over the test to have the 4x4 permanently on board proved reassuring and was helped by positive steering and even with the M sport lower suspension on board the body roll as such was well controlled with the general ride remaining

on the firm side.

Taking the test car off road across well saturated fields and down country lanes it proved reliable, dependable and stuck to its task without any dramas.

Overall the M Sport version naturally offers the best of both worlds with simple, relaxing day-to-day use in both urban traffic and out on the motorways cruising while also then switching it into sport mode obviously offers the ability for sensible, sporty driving.

There's also one minor little driver aid that's not been on previous X3 models – two small spotlights situated behind either sides of the front wheels which automatically come on helping getting in and of the car, particularly in the dark, so much safer and convenient. Simple idea but so effective.



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# WHEELS

TEST DRIVE: Ford Ranger Wildtrak by John Murdoch



ig, bold and all-American the Ford Ranger is a tough and rugged pick-up that is a global success for the manufacturer.

It can be bought in many a variety of styles and with a choice of a couple of engines and right at the top of the range sits the double-cab Wildtrak.

It combines the ability to shift

and move bags of hardware with the comfort and luxury of an SUV. The Wildtrak also offers fantastic towing capacity as well as the talent to go off-road and tackle the rough stuff.

A good-looking pick-up, the Ranger's exterior style is improved by a number of upmarket design features but it is no soft touch.

You can wade through rivers,

traverse rough terrain, slip through mud and snow with ease because the Ranger has enough grunt to do

On regular roads the Wildrak behaves like most very large SUVs although it does feel a bit bouncy at times and on motorways it will cruise with decent ride and

handling.

The Wildtrak features 18-inch
machined alloy wheels, a Titanium
effect front grille, power-foldable
door mirrors with integrated
turning lights, side steps,
aluminium finish roof rails, puddle
lights and an aerodynamic sports
bar with loadbox illumnination.
Inside the double-cab offers

Inside the double-cab offers enough room for a family or for five workers and boasts equipment to satisfy leisure owners. You get satellite navigation, Bluetooth with voice control, a rear view camera, a large touchscreen with Ford SYNC 3 technology, a DAB radio, heated windscreen, rear parking sensors, a choice of seven interior lighting colours, a coolbox in the centre consule and a number of power sockets

You can also switch at the touch of a button between a choice of drives and low and high ratios.

Safety features include a raft of

airbags, hill launch assist, hill descent control and an electronic stability programme with traction control and emergency brake assist.

This Wildtrak came with the larger 3.2 TDCi diesel power plant combined with a manual six-speed gearbox. It punts out 200ps and gives the Ranger a top speed of 109mph and a 0-62mph time of

10.9 seconds. It has a claimed combined figure of 33.6mpg and I got surprisingly close to that. The sporty Wildtrak stylng

The sporty Wildtrak stylng certainly makes the Ranger the best-looking pick-up on our roads and it has what it takes to attract business and lifestyle buyers. It is a head-turner but is more than capable of doing the business in any conditions.



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TEST DRIVE: Volkswagen Golf R-Line 1.5 TSI EVO by Lee Gibson

# **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

ou can't please all of the people all of the time according to the old adage. The Volkswagen Golf, however, has been flying in the face of this perceived wisdom for more than four decades – steadfastly appealing to all and sundry since it's 1974 launch.

Now in its seventh generation, well over 33 million have been sold worldwide, two million here in the UK, and it is the most popular European car ever.

A Golf has emerged from Volkswagen factories around the globe at an average rate of one every 40 seconds for the last 43 years to meet the demand and it has become the benchmark against which all others in its class are judged.

Sustained success isn't achieved by resting on your laurels, though, and with the current version having been around since 2012 this year's

mid-life refresh was timely.

In true VW Group fashion, design modifications are subtle to say the least but look closely and you'll spot new bumpers, new halogen headlamps with LED daytime running lights, new front wings and new full LED rear lights.

Updated wheel designs and colour choices round off the exterior updates, while new trim panels and materials consolidate an interior that was already impressively premium feeling.

More significant changes come in the shape of a new and updated engine range, improved infotainment systems and more digital technology and connectivity available across the usual wide range of trims and body styles

Perhaps the most significant development is the debut of the turbocharged 1.5 TSI Evo petrol engine which powered



my car and will eventually replace the old 1.4-litre TSI across the Volkswagen range.

This new four-cylinder powerplant features active cylinder management technology – shutting down cylinders when not needed – to help deliver a potential 56.5 miles per gallon on average.

Kicking out 150ps and mated to a newly developed seven-speed dual clutch gearbox it proved a versatile and refined performer.

Acceleration, either off the mark or on the move, won't set the heart racing but, with a top speed of 134mph, it is certainly not sluggish. The automatic transmission is also efficient and unobtrusive and progress is smooth and refined at all times

Alongside the Golf's characteristic well-weighted steering, solid and predictable handling and impressive grip and body control, this is a very capable mid-range proposition which copes equally well around town or on the open road – which is appropriate, because to get this engine you have to step up to mid-range CT or P. Lipo trim

range GT or R-Line trim.
The R-Line model I drove adds a sporty edge with a bespoke styling pack that includes more muscular bumpers, sills, spoilers and radiator grille, while inside front sports seats feature R-Line detailing.
Standard equipment on

Standard equipment on this new VW Golf model includes an 8.0 inch touchscreen infotainment and navigation system, DAB radio, air conditioning, adaptive cruise control, automatic emergency braking, electric folding door mirrors, rear privacy glass, automatic lights and wipers and front and rear parking sensors.

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Typically of VW, though, there is a long list of options, 55 in all, which can be added. In fact, my car had more than £7,000 worth of extras to help give it a really premium feel.

These are not essential, of course, but you do have to pay extra for some things you might reasonably expect to be included on a car already costing more than £26,000. A rearview camera, for instance, which many cheaper rivals offer as standard, will set you back an extra £265.

Having said that, when the only thing you can find to moan about is the price of the options, it's a sign that a car must be getting most other things right.

That is precisely what the Golf does – and why it will continue to be the hatchback with the everyman (or woman, or couple, or family) appeal.





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TEST DRIVE: Subaru BRZ 2.0i SE Lux by John Murdoch



he Subaru BRZ sports coupe has had a fairly mild exterior facelift to give it a fresh look.

The interior was also worked on to give it a needed lift and there have also been improvements to the engine, suspension and safety features.

The coupe was developed in partnership with Toyota's GT86 which was refreshed at the start of 2017 so it was no surprise when the BRZ went under the knife.

Subtle tweaks have improved the cars looks and there is a new front bumper and grille, full LED headlights and new rear lamps. A chunky rear spoiler and new 10-spoke alloy wheels complete the visual package.

The BRZ's cabin was a

The BRZ's cabin was a disappointment when the car was launched so the refresh is more than welcome. The new multifunction steering wheel is a big improvement and better materials have also helped improved the ambience.



A new addition is a 4.2inch trip display set in the dials which features a Gforce meter, a lap timer and a torque power curve graph.

The cabin certainly has a sporty feel to it but sadly it still lags behind most hot hatches and feels slightly dated. It is mainly let down by the fiddly and difficult to master infotainment system and satnay still costs extra. It is a £1,250 option.

Thankfully the driving position is perfect and the sports seats are very comfortable.

The BRZ's real appeal is based on its great driving experience which is now even better than before.

Subaru's iconic 2.0-litre flat-four Boxer engine has been revised to improve response and lower emissions, although sadly there is no extra power. New dampers have improved ride comfort and you can still have great fun working the gearbox to extract all the 197bhp on offer.

It is good enough to take you to 62mph in 7.6 seconds and on to a top speed of 140mph.

It is a shame there is no extra power as the excellent chassis could certainly cope

The BRZ is extremely agile



and corners as if it was on rails, while the new dampers help it to deal with difficult road surfaces.

The steering is sharp and accurate, while the gearchange has a lovely action that makes you want to use it even more than you need to.

Subaru now only offers the BRZ in SE Lux trim and it offers good value over its Toyota GT86 cousin. You can buy an entry GT86 for less but at this trim level the BRZ is considerably cheaper.

The specification includes heated Alcantara clad seats, keyless entry and Bluetooth, as well as a raft of safety features

features.
The BRZ is billed as a 2+2 but the rear seats are frankly useless for anyone larger than a small toddler. The boot does offer decent space but you won't buy this car for its practicality.

If its driving fun your after then the BRZ will certainly put a smile on your face and at this price few others can match it



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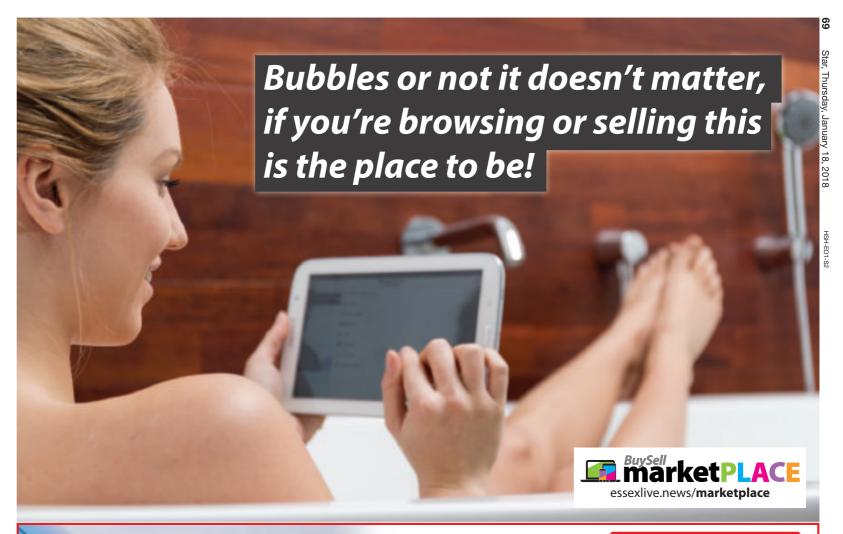
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**Order 2018** 

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Application No Application Type Location

HW/FUL/17/00596 Ward: Old Harlow

69 The Hill, Harlow, Essex CM17 0BH Provision of one new one-bedroom end-of-terrace dwelling.

Reason for Advert Conservation Area

Application No Application Type

HW/FUL/17/00578 Ward: Little Parndon & Hare Stre Full Application St Marys Church, Parndon Mill Lane, Harlow, Essex

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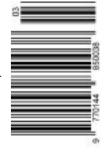


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# Boss goes back to the drawing board

# Hawks return to losing ways against Wingate & Finchley

By lan Barnham

DESPITE a bright start, Harlow Town succumbed to defeat as Wingate & Finchley scored either side of half-time for a 2-0 win in the Bostik League Premier Divi-

The Hawks had started the game on top, but when the lively Afolabi Obafemi was fouled in the box. Sean Cronin converted the

penalty.

The visitors faded as the game went on, and shortly into the second half Wingate & Finchley doubled the lead with a close range header from Rob Laney to seal all three points.

Harlow Town put the pressure on early, and Alex Read went close after only five minutes when his shot from inside the area was well blocked by Cronin.

Charlie Edwards then also had a shot goal, but it flew across the face of the goal with no one else able to turn the ball into the net.

The hosts began to neutralise the early pressure, and when Luke Ifil dragged a shot across goal it hit the post before being smothered by David Hughes.

With 27 minutes gone, Obafemi was brought down inside the box after a tangle of legs with Hawks right-back Paul Rodgers, and the referee pointed to the spot.

Cronin dispatched the penalty expertly with a powerful shot into the bottom left corner.

Marc Charles-Smith had a good opportunity to double the lead for Wingate when he was played through on goal. He hit the crossbar, and Reece Beckles-Richards follow-up was then smothered by

Harlow almost levelled in the four minutes remaining.

final minutes of the half when a scramble inside the six yard box was nearly turned in by Read. He saw his first shot blocked, and then when he teed the ball up for Jared Small, the winger sent the

ball wide of the post.

The hosts were the stronger side in the second period and with eight minutes played after the restart they scored their second.

A quick attack down the right saw the ball lofted to Laney at the back post. He couldn't miss, and headed the ball in from close

The Hawks were not out of the game yet and when Small drove into the box his cross was deflected in to the path of Syrus Gordon, but his strike was blocked as Wingate defended stoutly.

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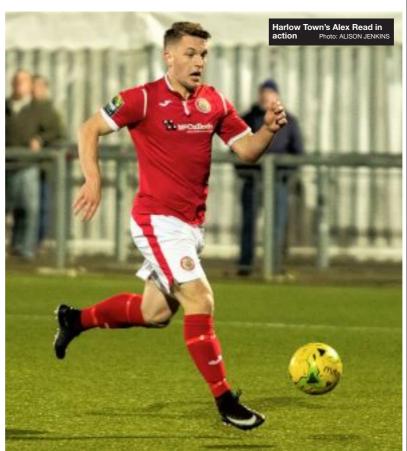
The home back four were proving difficult to break down, and when Read's turn and shot was blocked by Ola Williams at the near post, a clean sheet seemed almost inevitable.

At the other end, Wingate & Finchley were still probing, and when Claudio Viclu's cross was met in the middle by Obafemi's wonderful volley. Hughes pulled off a great reaction save to deny a third goal.

Beckles-Richards then burst down the right before letting fly another shot, but once again Hughes was equal to the effort with another good save.

Harlow weren't able to sustain their early dominance, and with their attacking threat fading as the game went on, they were running out of time.

Substitute Tommie Fagg had a strong appeal for a penalty with



### Harlow club members set a host of best times

FOUR Harlow Running Club members participated in events at Victoria Park over the

At the half marathon, Kerry Mavris finished in 295th place out of 578 finishers and first female Vet 45 in 1hr 50min 06sec, and Laura Prime was 344th in a personal best time for the distance of 1.53:36. At the 10k event, Craig Segal

was sixth out of 461 finishers in an excellent PB of 37:33, and Julie Bradbury came home 391st in 1.03:02, also a PB.

Meanwhile, at the Harlow parkrun Danny McCree was victorious out of 171 finishers in a superb 20:28.

He was followed by Martin Westley second in 20:48, Martyn Coulter fourth in 21.03: Catherine Ridge tenth and second female in 22:56, Paul Dixon 21st in 24:31, John Bull 25th in 24:39, Jim Bates 44th and first Vet 70 in 25:57, Andy Smith 46th in 26:03, Terry Ridge 47th in 26:04, Martin Elven 53rd in 26:40, Louise Kedge 54th in 26:53.

Alan Cootes 58th and first Vet 65 in 27:15, Debbie Barry 69th and first Female Vet 55 in 28:19, Saira Muschamp 74th in 28:51, Jane Evans 79th in 29:30. Austin Nyamande 95th in 30:29, Andy Kitson 98th in 30:35, Alan Wellbelove 109th in 32:53, Liz Roberts 126th in 35:21, Louise Cootes 138th in 36:40, Louise Peacock 144th in 37:32 and Sara Coombe 167th in 49:.04.

#### Hackney

At the Bishop's Stortford parkrun, Rich Hynes finished in fourth place out of 297 finishers in 19.24 and Peter Mills was 209th and third Vet 70 in 31:30.

At Hackney Marshes parkrun, Ryan Smith finished in 35th place out of 332 finishers in 20:08, while at the Burnham-on-Crouch parkrun Mark Hayward finished third out of 102 finishers in 22:10.

Graham Saville was 53rd out of 372 finishers and second Vet 60 in 23:28 at the Stevenage parkrun, while Spencer Brooks was 54th in 23:29.

At the Ware parkrun, Sean Flynn finished 12th out of 59 finishers in 24:47, and the Hertford parkrun saw David Page come home in 134th place out of 329 finishers in 27:47, and Janice Page was 209th in 31:16. Further afield, at the

Liverpool parkrun, Pushpa Mistry finished in 255th place

out of 408 finishers in 30:13.
At Elstree, Brenda Clayton finished 55th place out of 118 finishers and was first female Vet 70 in 30.43.

The Brandon parkrun near Thetford saw Terry Pike cross the finish line in 105th place out of 169 runners in 30:50.

Finally at the Edinburgh parkrun, Daniel Jephcott finished in 518th place out of 604 finishers in 32:53 and Jamie Jephcott was 519th in 32:54.

# Farmer named as Town's skipper for new season

DANIEL FARMER has been

appointed as Harlow Town
Cricket Club's new captain.
Town were looking for a new
skipper with Scott Alderson stepping down from the role after a successful 2017 season for the first XI, which finished in promotion to Shepherd Neame Essex League Division Two. Farmer, 24, will now take

responsibility for leading the

team into a new campaign.

He has been an ever present member of the first team for the past six seasons and has developed himself into a key allrounder for the side.

"Having been with the club since the age of 14, it is a great honour to have now become club

captain," said Farmer.
"Thanks to Scott for guiding us to promotion last season, and I hope I can build on this

achievement. "Division Two looks to be a very competitive league which we have found out in previous seasons, and this will be a good challenge for us – one of which we are all looking forward to"

The 2018 campaign will also see Town play local rivals Harlow

This will be the first time in several decades where both first XIs will meet in a competitive league fixture.

"I think that it's great for the town to see both sides play each other, and hopefully it will provide some great cricket," said Farmer

His first competitive match in charge will be away in the League Cup to South Woodford on Saturday April 8.

Alderson was confirmed as second XI captain, Vic Goddard as third XI and Marko Jergic as fourth XI with the fourths being entered in to the Herts & Essex Cricket League for the new season.

Daniel Gleeson will take up the role as captain of the Sunday XI

Chairman Lee Richardson added: "I'm very excited for the new season. We have a fantastic set of new captains ready to lead their teams through what I'm sure will be an excellent season."



New Harlow Town Cricket Club first XI skipper Daniel Farmer